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## Housing assistance for municipal employees contemplated by city



Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen put forward a resolution to the Somerville Board of Aldermen to focus attention on affordable housing issue faced by municipal workers in the city.

By Jim Clark

A resolution was put forward at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen asking that the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

Sponsor of the resolution, Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen, spoke in favor of the idea saying, "With all the work that we have been doing on this Board with the real estate transfer fee, the reason I submitted this this week is to reconfirm why we're doing all this work in the first place. Which is to help Somerville residents stay in a city that's becoming increasingly unaffordable."

Ewen-Campen explained

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## Aloud's new music's a beautiful thing

By Blake Maddux

Musicians Jen de la Osa and Henry Beguiristain, who first "got together over a shared love of The Beatles and Oasis," moved to Boston from their hometown of Miami in 2001.

According to de la Osa, "There wasn't a lot going on in Miami at the time regarding rock and roll bands and venues."

The couple's 16 years in the Boston area – during which time they lived in the Fenway, Allston, Quincy, Jamaica Plain, Malden, and the South End – were productive and eventful ones. Not only did they record four full-length albums after dubbing themselves Aloud in 2001, they also married each other in 2010.

As much as they both loved Boston, the limitations of the city's music scene and its mercilessly harsh winters prompted them to pack up and head westward to Los Angeles.

They now live, Beguiristain says, "right by the Hollywood sign."

2018 is already set to be another in long line of fruitful trips around the sun. On Valentine's Day, Aloud released a single

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Aloud, along with Samantha Farrell and Benjamin Cartel, performs at ONCE Ballroom this Saturday.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Notice of a Board of Aldermen Public Hearing

CAP says:

Doesn't the City have a Housing Director? Where has he been? Why isn't he front and center in this? During the whole FRIT waiver affair, we heard nothing from anyone in the Administration until the Mayor came out of the smoke-filled room to announce the deal he personally cut with FRIT to let them off the hook for providing affordable units in their luxury towers. Why isn't the Administration doing anything about the affordable housing crisis, instead of just dumping it on the BOA to do the controversial work? The Mayor talks a good game when he needs the PR, but where is he and his people who should be doing this work? Kudos to Alderman Ewen-Campen for actually trying to do something and having the stones to face the public, while the Administration is AWOL or ducking for cover.

Central Street says:

Pump the brakes a little with the kudos to Ben Ewen-Campen. This is a kid who grew up in Cambridge with a silver spoon, not exactly someone who has tasted what it means to struggle. Family has multiple homes, 2+ million dollar Cambridge house, another 1+ million dollar home in Wellfleet. Not exactly the voice or soul of Somerville. Ben might be able to fool the millennial renters, but old Somerville has him pegged for exactly what he is.

Somerbreeze says:

@ Central Street – Your political agenda is showing, pal. Not unlike a certain also-ran's who couldn't get elected dog catcher in Ward One. Whatever Ben E-C's origins are, he is trying to hear both sides of the contentious transfer-tax issue. And he does respond to constituent concerns. And if you don't like him holding office, I'll say to you what your Cheeto von Tweeto bosom buddies have been saying about THAT election—"Get over it."

Liz says:

There is affordable housing, just in less desirable neighborhoods and communities. People choose to live here and pay top dollar. That's their prerogative, I guess. Eventually, you got to ask if it's worth it. Personal decision.

Magic Mike says:

Live where you can afford to buy. Nobody has a right to live in Somerville.

Neighbor says:

Mike, are you willing to pay rates such that teachers, law enforcement and public safety can afford to live in the city and be a part of the community or would you prefer that we just ship in the help?

WeDemandAudits says:

Until a full independent audit has been done and presented to the public of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), Somerville Community Coalition (SCC), Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) and other organizations to benefit from these windfalls then all discussions regarding additional taxes should be stopped. All board members of the above should also be subject to audits to confirm there are no conflict of interests and slush funds. We ask that the Board of Alderman (BOA) immediately file a motion to demand these audits. Or don't waste any more time on new tax schemes. Until we see how our current tax dollars have been spent this discussion/meeting is a waste of time.

Union Square Resident says:

To WeDemandAudits (and anyone else): Go to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund website here: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/affordable-housing-trust-fund>. Click on "Forms and Information". Select the PDF "SAHTF Financial Review (FY16-FY17)". Or any of the other Financial forms at that link. It's not rocket science people. The Somerville website is very streamlined an easy to navigate.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Bad plastic didn't get the rooms rented

Police officers were dispatched to the Holiday Inn on Washington St. on reports of an individual who was using fraudulent credit cards.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke to the reporting party, who stated that a man had come into the hotel and attempted to obtain two hotel rooms that were reserved via an internet website, for which he used a fraudulent credit card to hold as a deposit.

The suspect, later identified as Pierre Sillice, of Jamaica Plain, reportedly used a Mastercard to pay for the room using a Rhode Island picture I.D. both in a name other than his own, for a total of \$679.14.

The reporting party recognized Sillice from numerous past similar incidents where a fraudulent credit card was used. He told

police that Sillice was still sitting in a parked vehicle on the street in front of the hotel.

Once the vehicle was identified, the police officers pulled their cruiser behind the vehicle. The officers reportedly observed Sillice sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle moving around, leaning over into the front passenger seat area.

The officers approached the vehicle and knocked on the window, then explained to Sillice why they approached his vehicle and wanted to hear his side of the story.

According to the officers, Sillice appeared very nervous and was visibly sweating, even though it was 57 degrees outside.

Sillice was asked to step out of the vehicle to speak with the officers. Once Sillice stepped

out of the vehicle, a folding knife was observed in Sillice's waistband, which was immediately removed.

A pat frisk was conducted on Sillice for further weapons. Due to his furtive movements prior to making contact, the knife on his person, and his excessive nervousness, a search of the front seat area of the vehicle was conducted as well.

During this frisk, a wallet was located in the glove box that Sillice was reaching into. The wallet contained a Rhode Island driver's license with the name other than Sillice's and numerous prepaid credit cards. The Rhode Island driver's license had a photograph of Sillice.

A search of the information obtained from this Rhode Island driver's license was conducted

and no information was located. Given this information, police believed this state ID was fraudulently obtained.

The prepaid credit cards inside this wallet also had the same name imprinted on them – eight prepaid cards in total with this name imprinted, including the credit card used to book the room.

Two prepaid cards were also located with no information embossed on them including expiration dates. Police say this is common in cases of fraudulent credit cards where people emboss their own names on the prepaid cards.

Sillice was informed that he was being placed under arrest and was placed in handcuffs.

Sillice was read his Miranda rights and then asked if he

would tell police what was going on. He reportedly explained that he owes some guys some money and he is doing this to pay back his debt. The guys he owes money to gave him all the cards and the driver's license. He was told to rent these hotel rooms and hand off the key to someone else later that night. He stated that he does not know what the rooms were to be used for.

Sillice was transported to Somerville Police Station Headquarters where he was subsequently charged with identity fraud, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a blank credit card, credit card forgery, possession of counterfeit credit card, RMV document forgery or misuse, utter false instrument, larceny over \$250.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Gabriel Santana**, of 8 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, April 17, 4:44 a.m., arrested at Alston St. on warrant charges of speeding, marked lanes violation, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Wilfredo Rivera**, of 291 Eus-

tis St., Boston, April 18, 10:14 a.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of breaking into depository, larceny over \$250, and removal of theft prevention device.

**Ronnie Mendes**, of 99 Dartmouth St., Everett, April 18, 3:01 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on charges of operation of

a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and no inspection sticker.

**Stanley Julce**, of 20 Melvin St., April 19, 12:51 a.m., arrested at Skilton Ave. on a warrant charge of receiving a

stolen motor vehicle.

**Pierre Sillice**, of 930 Parker St., Jamaica Plain, April 20, 4:41 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of identity fraud, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a blank credit card, credit card forgery, possession of

counterfeit credit card, RMV document forgery or misuse, utter false instrument, larceny over \$250.

**Daniel Orellana**, of 144 Congress Ave., Chelsea, April 22, 11:39 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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## Housing assistance for municipal employees contemplated by city

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that he was not the person who came up with the idea, and that he felt there is a lot of support for it, and that he wanted to "get the city working on reminding the public of what this is all about in the first place."

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang commended Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti for highlighting the issue and said that he feels strongly about it as well.

"I do not want Somerville to

be a city where the folks who work for us live 20, 40, 50 miles from here," Niedergang said. "I hate that idea. It reminds me of Weston, Wellesley, cities where rich people live. That's not the kind of

city I want this to be. I will see this as one of the top priorities for the funds we could raise through the real estate transfer fees."

Niedergang recommended that the resolution be sent to the

Legislative Matters Committee, where the real estate transfer fee is being developed, as well as Housing and Community Development for continuous follow-up. The resolution was approved and so ordered.



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Thank you for celebrating Elder Fair 2018 with us

Elder Fair 2018 has come and gone, and on behalf of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), I want to thank everyone who helped make our annual health and wellness expo a joyous occasion.

Now in its 19th year, Elder Fair drew more than 300 local older adults for a morning of socializing and learning about organizations that support independence and well-being.

Connecting people with useful resources is a huge part of what we do at SCES, but there's something special about bringing everyone together, as both a celebration of our mission and the people we serve. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who was a part of that.

In that same spirit, I want to recognize the 66 exhibitors who participated--partnering with us to offer such a wide

range of information at Elder Fair -- and our 54 donors, whose generous support allows us to offer Elder Fair as a free event for the public.

While the complete sponsor list is too long for one letter, I would like to single-out our Grand Sponsors--Anodyne Homemaker Services, Cambridge Trust Company, Multicultural Home Care and Senior Home Health. Special thanks to Harvard University and the Massachusetts of Institute of Technology for joining with SCES to donate lunch for the event.

Finally, a huge word of thanks to SCES Operations Manager Margarida Mendonca, for a fantastic job organizing Elder Fair (and making it look easy), along with SCES Office Manager Betty Mitchell (for providing key logistical support) and to the many volunteers who helped host the event.

Thank you again for joining with us to celebrate Elder Fair 2018. I hope to see all

Elder Fair 2018 drew more than 300 guests on April 11, connecting local residents with organizations that support health and well-being.

of you again at Elder Fair 2019!

Sincerely,  
Nathan Lamb

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


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# Beacon Hill Roll Call

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on recent roll calls. There were no roll calls in either branch last week. The House and Senate held only brief session as is the custom during Spring Break.

**GARDEN OF PEACE (S 2372)**

House 152-0, Senate 36-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill transferring the management and administration of the Garden of Peace to the state's Victim Assistance Board. The Garden of Peace is a public memorial garden located on the plaza of 100 Cambridge Street near the Statehouse. The garden's website describes it as commemorating "victims of homicide and a living reminder of the impact of violence. It is a visual testament to the need for eliminating violence. The Garden is a symbol of hope for peace and renewal in our lives, our community, and the world."

The central feature of the memorial is a dry streambed with smooth river stones engraved with the names of the many victims of homicide.

The Victim Assistance Board's website says the board "upholds and advances the rights of crime victims and witnesses by providing outreach and education, policy advocacy, policy and program development, legislative advocacy, grants management and service referrals."

Supporters said the bill firms up management of the Garden of Peace by locating control of it in the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance.

"This bill will assure that the memories of victims are honored properly in the Garden of Peace," said Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont), the bill's sponsor.

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS CRIMINAL JUSTICE REVIEW (S 2391)**

House 154-0, Senate 37-0, approved a bill implementing the recommendations of the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Review which is the product of the Council of State Governments Justice Center. A key provision allows some eligible prisoners, not including drug offenders, who are serving a mandatory minimum sentence to still be eligible for good conduct deductions from their sentences, a parole permit and work release. Other provisions include enhancement to programming available in prisons, enhanced community supervision and expanded resources of behavioral health initiatives.

Supporters said the program gives more flexibility and expands good conduct deductions to more prisoners. They noted that the enhancement of programs available in prison and improved community supervision would help reduce the persistent problem of recidivism in Massachusetts. The House vote was on an earlier version of the measure.

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

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

**\$149.2 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 4366)**

House 146-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$149.2 million supplemental budget for fiscal 2018 including \$2.5 million to assist the residents of Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands who have moved to Massachusetts following the impact of hurricanes Maria and Irma. The funding can be used for various needs including transportation costs of traveling to the Bay State, immediate living and related expenses and costs incurred by cities and towns as a result of the influx of new people.

Other provisions include \$21 million for sheriff's offices, \$100,000 for the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and \$27.7 million for welfare programs.

Supporters said the package is a balanced one that begins to close out the books on fiscal 2018 by funding necessary programs while continuing fiscal responsibility.

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

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

**BAN DISCRIMINATION IN SHORT-TERM RENTALS (S 2381)**

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment to the bill that extends the state's current 5.7 percent hotel and motel tax and the local option room occupancy tax to short-term rentals offered by Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO. The amendment prohibits discrimination in short-term rentals based on race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, ancestry or status as a veteran.

Amendment supporters said this will ensure that state laws banning discrimination in home and apartment rentals also apply to these short-term rentals.

The amendment's sponsor, Sen. Joseph Boncore (D-Winthrop) did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment on his successful amendment.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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**ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL**

**OFFICIAL ROCK SONG OF MASSACHUSETTS (H 1683)**

– The House gave initial approval to a bill making "Roadrunner" the official rock song of the commonwealth. Natick native Jonathan Richman led the group Modern Lovers who sang the tune as a 1970s ode to the joys of driving along Massachusetts' Route 128 late at night. The bill is co-sponsored this year by Reps. David Linsky (D-Natick) and Denise Provost (D-Somerville).

"Roadrunner, roadrunner going faster miles an hour," begins the song. "Gonna drive to the Stop 'n' Shop. With the radio on at night. And me in love with modern moonlight. Me in love with modern rock 'n' roll. Modern girls and modern rock 'n' roll. Don't feel so alone, got the radio on. Like the roadrunner." The original backers of the campaign for "Roadrunner" were ex-legislators Bob Hedlund, now Mayor of Weymouth and Boston Mayor

Marty Walsh. Hedlund took the lead. He explains that he first heard the song as a 15-year-old working at a local Hingham gas station in 1977. He immediately bonded with the song and years later although concerned that people might think this is just another frivolous bill, decided to listen to his heart and filed the proposal in 2013. Enter current Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury) and former Marshfield Rep. Jim Cantwell, now the state director of U.S. Sen. Ed Markey's staff. They filed a rival bill making the official state rock song the classic Boston-based Aerosmith rock ballad "Dream On" written by Stephen Tyler. Neither bill was getting traction in the Legislature and eventually Cutler and Cantwell decided to end the competition and support "Roadrunner."

"'Roadrunner' is a great Massachusetts rock song and Aerosmith is a classic Massachusetts rock band," said Cutler. "Since 'Dream On' is not specific to our state per se, we agreed, with sweet emotion, that it was time to come together and support 'Roadrunner.' We hope the bill passes this session and it's not the same old song and dance. As a final note, I'm thankful we've had this fun discussion and been able to focus attention on the rich musical tradition in the commonwealth." "The road to passage has had as many potholes as Route 128 in the Springtime, but we are Red Sox fans and are used to overcoming adversity," said a hopeful but cautious Linsky. "Hopefully it will not take the full 86 years."

"The song is a teenager's Paul Revere ride," Hedlund said. "The lyrics capture the perfect mood and vibe about everything that's great about rock 'n' roll. I am hopeful it will get through all the legislative hurdles this year and be signed by Gov. Baker." The measure still needs to be approved by the Senate and signed by the governor before it becomes law.

**HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?**

*Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are 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 16-20, the House met for a total of 51 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 32 minutes.

Mon. April 16	No House session No Senate session
Tues. April 17	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:36 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.
Wed. April 18	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. April 19	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.
Fri. April 20	No House session No Senate session

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## Aloud's new music's a beautiful thing

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called *Falling Out of Love* and its B-side, *Empty House*, which were recorded at Q Division Studios in Somerville. They unveiled their version of The Rolling Stones' *Dead Flowers* on April 20. Two of the band's songs are featured in a new film called *All These Small Moments*, which stars Molly Ringwald and premiered this week at the Tribeca Film Festival. Finally, the follow-up to their 2014 LP, *It's Got To Be Now*, is, as they say, "in the can."

Beguiristain and de la Osa spoke by phone to *The Somerville Times* from New York, where the tour that stops at ONCE on Saturday had just begun.

**The Somerville Times:** What professional and personal considerations led you to leave Boston?

**Henry Beguiristain:** In Boston, [we] kind of started to feel boxed in. It's one of those things that, like, bums me out, because that place is like my home. But you could only play so many shows at the fewer and fewer venues that are around.

**Jen de la Osa:** We knew that we couldn't get past wherever we were there, so we had to try something else. That's the band aspect of it. The other part is

that the city was kind of wearing on us. We kept getting pushed out further and further because the rent just kept going up. Then the winters, like in the last four years, really started to grate on us in a way that it never had before. We were like, "Does it need to be this hard all the time? Can't it be easier?" (laughs)

**Beguiristain:** It's a shame, too, because so many of my favorite bands and my friends are making amazing music in Boston, so I do miss being able to just pop down and catch OldJack or The Rationales or whoever.

**TST:** Why did you choose Los Angeles?

**de la Osa:** Number one, when we'd gone on our national tours and got out there, we really loved it and we thought, if we had to move somewhere else, we could live here. And then, beyond that, we had a bunch of friends that had already come out here, so we had a support system. Our publisher is out in LA. Some of the professional stuff that we do with the band is out there already. It really has been great. It's been doing us a lot of good.

**Beguiristain:** Funny enough, I feel like I run into someone

from Boston like at least twice a day. It's uncanny. There was one morning when someone's walking past me and they're wearing a Red Sox hat, a Red Sox jacket, a Red Sox T-shirt, and a Red Sox fanny pack.

**TST:** How did Somerville figure into the time that you spent in the Boston area?

*"Does it need to be this hard all the time? Can't it be easier?"*

**Beguiristain:** We spent a lot of time in Somerville. We recorded an album, *Exile*. Our producer for that album, Dan [Daskivich], lived like right across the street from the Market Basket in Union. So we practically lived there. That album took like a full year.

**de la Osa:** The thing that sticks out most in terms of the band and Somerville has definitely got to be making *Exile*, our third record. That was awesome, because

we went down there – we kind of took our time with it – every weekend and just got into Dan's apartment, right next to Market Basket, and would just do 10-hour, 12-hour days recording.

**TST:** Which Aloud songs are featured in the new film *All These Small Moments*?

**de la Osa:** One of them is *Jeanne, It's Just a Ride!*, off our last record, *It's Got To Be Now*. The other song – which is, like, the end credits song – is *Loving U's a Beautiful Thing*, and that's off our new record that isn't out yet.

**TST:** How did the songs end up being included in the film?

**Beguiristain:** Magic!

**de la Osa:** We're lucky enough that our manager kind of knew the director [and] was working with the director on the film. She'd heard *Jeanne* and the lyrics just kind of sat with this particular scene in the movie. She kind of fell in love with the song and was like, "I gotta have it in there." It's a bit like a montage scene, like a passage-of-time scene. It's right in the middle of the film. And then [our manager] mentioned that there's a whole new record coming out and to have a listen if you'd like. When [the

director] heard *Loving U's a Beautiful Thing*, it just kind of occurred to her like, "that's how we should end the film."

**TST:** What is the status of that new record that you mentioned?

**de la Osa:** It's done, it's in the can, it's mastered. We are in the middle of shopping it around to see what happens, and then we'll eventually make some decisions based on that. And hopefully it will be out ... well, you can never really say. Soon is all I hope! We're just trying to figure out how best to release it.

**Beguiristain:** I'm really, really excited about it. It was like the last thing we did before leaving Boston and I feel like it's a really good summation of everything we learned there. We did it at Mad Oak [Studios, in Allston] with Benny Grotto. I feel like so much of our personal and band history is just so tied to that city that it felt fulfilling to sort of end our time there with this.

*Aloud with Samantha Farrell and Benjamin Cartel. Saturday, April 28. ONCE Ballroom, 156 Highland Ave. Doors at 8, show at 9. \$10 in advance, \$13 on day of show.*

## Lydian String Quartet and Tone Stampede

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Lydian String Quartet and Tone Stampede in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Thursday, May 10th, 2018 at 8 p.m.

Composers Marti Epstein, Arthur Levering, and John McDonald will be hosting the Lydian String Quartet in their fifth installment of the Tone Stampede series.

The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more info, please visit [as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter](http://as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter) or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.



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# Starting Over Festival stimulates sustainable spring

By Shira Laucharoen

With inspiration from the idea of spring as a time for renewal, event planner Greg Cook envisioned Somerville’s Starting Over Festival as a celebration of rebirth and a metaphor for new beginnings. Set in the urban wild of the Quincy Street Open Space, a garden filled with a plethora of flower varieties and plant life, the Festival gave visitors a chance to revel in the environment and consider a new page, both socially and politically, on April 22.

“We timed the Festival so it’s at this beautiful spring moment, when daffodils are blooming in the park,” said Cook. “It has a delightful, interesting theme that makes it both beauty and entertainment, as well as something that has meaning and social engagement.”

The event, planned in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day, hosted a range of activities for visitors to engage in. Children and adults alike constructed animal masks with artist Kari

Percival and colorfully painted wildlife creatures constructed from scrap material with artist Liz LaManche.

The nonprofit Groundwork Somerville gave guests the opportunity to explore compost samples inhabited by worms. Jef C. Taylor of Boston’s Urban Nature Walks group offered a tour of the park, pointing out stumps, pellets, and life processes found in nature. Participants were encouraged to trade in garments at a clothing swap and experience a tree planting.

While the Festival aimed to generate environmental awareness, the event also served as an occasion to reflect on the country’s dark political times, said Cook. Special Events Manager for the Somerville Arts Council Nina Eichner affirmed that the program would call attention to social questions.

“This Festival doesn’t have one political view, but we’re thinking about when we don’t agree with everything that’s going on politically and how we can do right by our neighbor,” said



Somerville’s Starting Over Festival raised environmental and social awareness on April 22 as part of SustainaVille Week. — Photo by Greg Cook

Eichner. “Starting over is not just getting comfortable with what’s happening and having it be normal. We keep trying to make changes.”

The gathering presented two dynamic live poetry performances by writers Eddy Toussaint Tontongi and Marshall Gillson. Tontongi, a Haitian immigrant, delivered a recitation of his

work, “Haiti Is Not What You Say, Mr. Tet-Mato,” a response to President Donald Trump’s derogatory remarks about his homeland. In reply, Tontongi called his country “the foundation of our modernity” and described its riches. Poet Gillson, a National Poetry Slam finalist, raised the issue of mental health and illness, through his perfor-

mance of three pieces that addressed depression and recovery.

The Festival was created by the Somerville Arts Council and the City of Somerville, in partnership with Cook, as a part of the second annual SustainaVille Week. The weeklong schedule of events is intended to raise consciousness about climate change and the environment.



Poet Eddy Toussaint Tontongi performed a response to Trump’s remarks about Haiti and other African countries. — Photo by Shira Laucharoen



Observers watched as City of Somerville Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner Vanessa Boukili planted a tree. — Photo by Greg Cook



Groundwork Somerville held a table teaching spectators about worm-bin composting. — Photo by Greg Cook

## Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Davis Square Donuts & Bagels

Scratch made daily, Davis Square Donuts and Bagels offer specialty donuts like maple glazed bacon, Nutella filled, butternut crunch, chocolate glazed, old fashioned jelly, Bavarian Cream and more. The maple glazed bacon donut is light, airy and chewy, covered with a sweet maple glaze topped with salty pieces of bacon. The butternut crunch features that old fashioned dense texture and flavor that will remind you of your childhood. The filled donuts are definitely filled to maximum capacity and you’re sure to get a taste of whatever filling you choose in every bite.

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different varieties, most of which are vegan. Plain or with a spread of your choice is also available, including lox and cream cheese. Breakfast sandwiches are offered with a variety of options like chorizo, egg and cheese, steak, egg and cheese and even your choice of omelets to top off your sandwich. If you’re looking for lunch options, there are a number of choices like turkey and cheese, tuna, sausage and cheese, and some vegetarian options including hummus, lettuce and tomatoes and garden vegetables with cheese. Peet’s Coffee is offered, whether you’re looking for hot or iced they have you covered.

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Visit Dorothy’s website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.



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CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Memories of Lost Ones** – Wednesday, May 30 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join Nancy Duffy from Beacon Hospice for a day of remembrance in which we will take time to remember and honor those we have lost over the years. For additional information or questions please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Mohegan Sun** – Monday, June 4 - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 food coupon, \$10 free bet. Check in is 7:45 a.m. at Holland Street and 8:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Belmont Stakes** – Friday, June 8 to Sunday, June 10 – 3 days and 2 nights - \$552 per person double or \$772 per person single includes transportation, lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, reserved seating for the Belmont Stakes, and guided tour of the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Adventure Group** – Please call for details

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

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

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COMMENTARY

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone  
Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers.

**\$500,000 in minibonds available for residents to purchase:** Many people are familiar with U.S. government savings bonds as a way to invest while also supporting civic goals. But less than 1 percent of U.S. households have direct access to municipal bonds, which allow you to do the same thing at the local level. To help pull back this process from Wall St. to Main St. (as my colleagues in Cambridge so aptly put it when they put their minibonds on sale), Somerville residents will soon have a chance to invest directly in the future of our community by purchasing minibonds.

Here's how it works: Similar to traditional municipal bonds, minibond investors loan mon-

ey to a city or public agency for a period of time (in this case 5 years), receive tax-exempt interest on the investment, and get their loan paid back when the bond matures. Meanwhile, the minibond funding supports important capital projects. In Somerville, that includes the Lincoln Park renovation, West Branch Library design, street and sidewalk improvements, building upgrades (such as energy efficiency and accessibility), and more.

The City regularly bonds to finance public projects, and usually those municipal bonds are sold by brokerages to distant investors in units of \$5,000 or more. But by partnering with broker-dealer Neighborly Securities, Somerville minibonds will be offered directly to Somerville residents in \$1,000 denominations, making them more accessible (unfortunately smaller denominations were not an option, but this is a start).

Somerville minibonds will be available from May 18 to May 25 on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, check out the FAQs at [www.somervillema.gov/minibonds](http://www.somervillema.gov/minibonds), visit the helpful website set up by Neighborly at [www.neighborly.com/somerville](http://www.neighborly.com/somerville) (see their Learning Center), or

attend one of the upcoming informational sessions (details are in the FAQs).

**Repainting of 987 pavement markings completed in 2017:** Installing and maintaining pavement markings is a cross-departmental effort in the City of Somerville. While the Transportation and Infrastructure Department works to decide where new pavement markings should be and installs them, the Traffic and Parking Department completes a field survey to identify markings in need of repainting, evaluates and incorporates your feedback that comes into 311, and cross references the Engineering Department's Street Repaving Plan to avoid putting fresh markings on roadways that are scheduled for repavement.

Last year, Traffic and Parking repainted 987 markings with 545 of them being bike markings and 380 of them being crosswalks. This year the work continues with maintenance planned for 31 crosswalks, bike sharrows on 23 roads, and more.

As the weather warms up and we begin to see more people out biking and walking, it's important to remember that pavement markings aren't maintained to simply look more appealing.

They are a critical component of roadway safety, so study up on the markings and remember to share the road.

**32 second improvement in average fire department emergency response time over past three months:** Recently, the Somerville Fire Department implemented new strategies like utilizing a different unique bell tone for each crew and examining and shifting fire response districts to improve emergency response times. And preliminary data suggests those tactics are working. The average emergency call response time decreased from 3:42 in January to the 3:10 in March. The data is especially promising when considering the adverse weather we faced throughout the month of March, which resulted in an increase in fire emergency calls and more difficult driving conditions.

**\$1,200,402 in CPA funds designated for allocation by the Affordable Housing Trust:** It's no secret that affordability is one of our greatest challenges here in Somerville and addressing it a top priority. Programs like the Community Preservation Act (CPA) help us make real progress on this effort.

The Somerville Community

Preservation Committee, which oversees the allocation of CPA funds, has designated more than \$1.2 million in Fiscal Year 18 funds for affordable housing projects. These funds will be allocated by the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust to directly address housing need in Somerville.

Applications are now available, and the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust is accepting proposals in two categories: rental assistance programs or development projects creating affordable housing units. More information, including application deadlines, is available at [www.somervillema.gov/AHTF](http://www.somervillema.gov/AHTF) by clicking on "funding opportunities."

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the editor:  
Regarding the proposed real estate transfer tax, a few points need to be made.

1. A transfer tax is a sales tax, and sales taxes are regressive by nature and disproportionately burden those who can afford it least.
2. The transfer tax will not significantly slow the firestorm of luxury condo development in Somerville. Luxury condo developers more than anyone can afford to pay the one or two percent.
3. The argument that long-term residents shouldn't complain about the transfer tax because they've gotten rich doing nothing is specious; see below.
4. The transfer tax is being rushed through, without sufficient opportunity for due process. A change of this magnitude should be voted on by all residents as a ballot initiative.

5. The proposal sets forth detailed plans to extract more money from residents, but is notably uninformative about how exactly the money will be spent.
6. The proposed tax discriminates against the elderly, as others have rightly pointed out.

Regarding the specious argument that long-term residents shouldn't complain about the transfer tax because they've gotten rich doing nothing:

The value of a house is a wash, unless its owner is willing to relocate to a place where houses are cheaper. Places with bargain property values generally have lower density, worse unemployment, more social problems and less services. This simple fact is what's been driving the affluent out of suburbs and into urban cores. While long-term residents stay in Somerville, they make nothing; on the

contrary they become poorer, because the cost of living here continues to increase rapidly, whereas inflation-adjusted middle class incomes have been flat or declining for decades. Long-term residents face an ugly dilemma: sell and be displaced to marginal areas with lower quality of life, or stay and risk being bankrupted by ever-increasing costs. People who grew up here can hardly recognize their hometown. None of them asked to live amid rabbit warrens of luxury condos and have the globetrotting elite as neighbors. They feel betrayed by city officials and understandably so.

Somerville officials love to paint themselves as helpless victims of market forces, but the truth is that they never met a luxury condo they didn't like. Somerville has been aggressively courting luxury condos for decades, and for the usual ve-

nal reason: they're easy to build quickly and generate huge short-term profits for developers and well-connected real estate lawyers, who in turn kick money back to the mayor and his cronies, thereby keeping the administration in power and ensuring more of the same. The mayor and the planning board claim to fight for affordable housing while they simultaneously do everything within their power to ensure that luxury condo towers are permitted and built at breakneck speed. It's a sham and we don't need to speculate about what its outcome will be; we only need to look at the exclusivity of cities further down the road of plutocratization, such as Brooklyn, San Francisco, London, and Paris.

Chris Korda  
Somerville

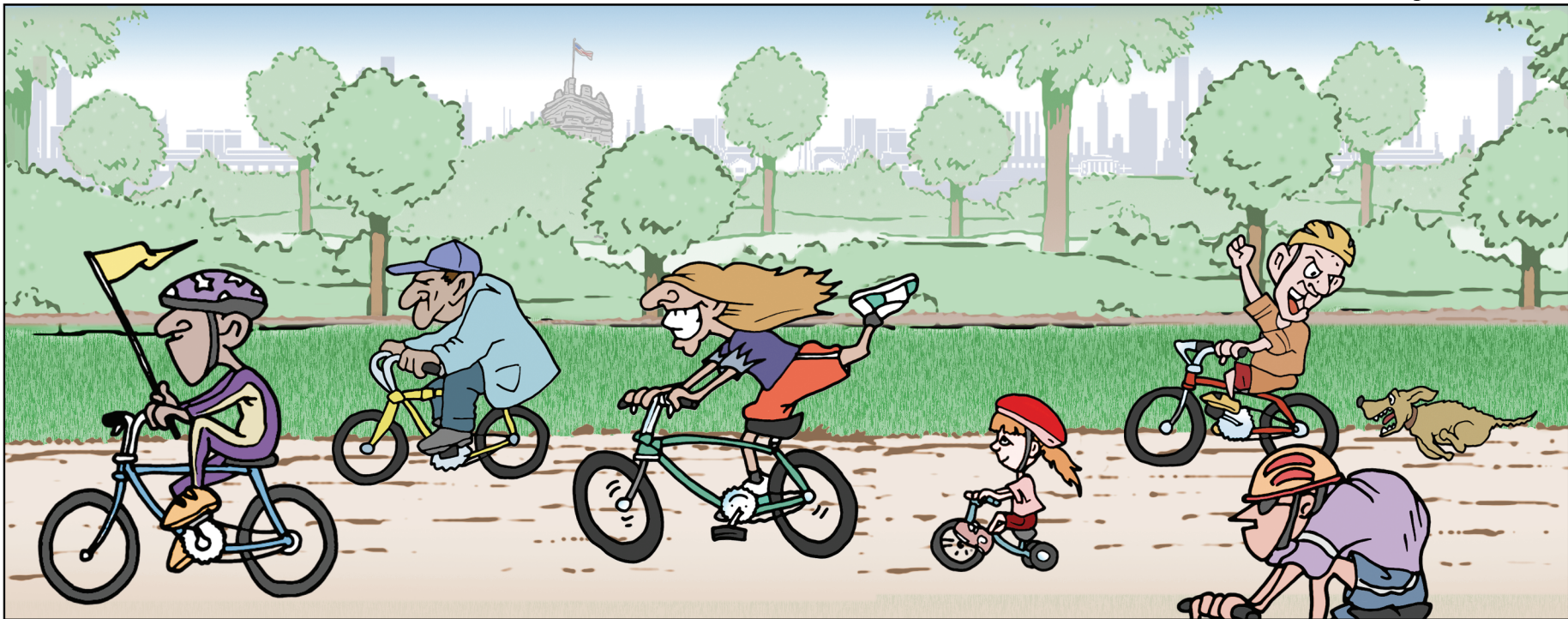
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# COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Let's get out in May and enjoy National Bike Month.

## Our View Of The Times



Each May, many cycling enthusiasts participate in activities celebrating National Bike month. Here in Somerville, the Somerville Bike Committee and others are knee deep in the hooplah.

Cycling has grown in popularity and practice in recent years, and the numbers of those who commute to and from work or school, go shopping, or simply take

leisurely rides on their bikes has grown considerably. It is a trend that has taken hold nationwide.

Somerville prides itself on being one of the most bikeable cities in the nation, so it stands to reason that it should stand out among the many others in its commitment to make the most of the occasion.

We must, however, bear in mind that

motor vehicle traffic has not decreased significantly in proportion to the proliferation of more cyclists. Clearly, many of our narrow streets are poorly equipped to handle both cyclists and motorists, not without considerable compromise and mutual courtesies.

City planners are working hard to design practical solutions to the needs of

both. Certain streets will be easier to modify for more cycling than others. In many cases, it will be up to the operators of each mode of transport to make way for the other.

Surely we can rise to the occasion and find our better natures in this effort. So be careful out there when you hit the streets, but certainly enjoy yourselves.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Big happy birthday to our good friends over at **Ball Square Café** and the man with the smiling face, **Mike Moccia**. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to another great guy and restaurateur, **Brett Henry**, of the famous Henry family at **Mt. Vernon Restaurant**. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to an old friend, **Jim Bain** of **Wells Fargo Mgt.**, also well known in these parts. Happy birthday to local guy and **Deputy Sheriff, Michael Nionakis**. We hope he has a great day. To that lovely and popular lady, **Julie Phelan Brady**, of Medford. She's equally well known here in Somerville. To all the others we may have missed

– and yes, we must admit there are a few more out there – we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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Whether you are an old customer or new one, we all offer a big welcome back after some major heart problems to **Tony Alibrandi** at his barber shop on Holland Street. He's looking good and he's cutting hair again like the pro that he is. He is celebrating almost 60 years of work cutting the hair of many notables here in the city. Tony is a great guy and he has a great assistant in **Paul McGlashing**. We were happy to see that Tony is back to work, with that Tony sense of humor and his vast knowledge of Somerville. On top of that, he is one of the biggest benefactors here, donating time and money to local sports for various teams, including teams named after him. Again, were glad he is back and doing well. His lovely wife **Donna** takes good care of him. They are one of the nicest couples in the city, and both lifelong residents.

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We hear that there is talk by some here in the city of starting their own newspaper. We think that's great. We hear it's going to be similar to the old **Somerville Community News**, or are they going to change the name to ??? The Somerville

Community News, which was a monthly paper, if we recall correctly (so were we back in the 80's), declared itself then as left leaning (some would say communist, but we wouldn't use that name – or would we?). We hear some of the same people aligned with old **Community News** are starting it up. We also hear that some elected officials are going to be part of the paper. We welcome competition, we love it. We just hope those elected officials declare themselves as being involved. We're also just wondering since they hate "gossip" columns, does that mean the old **Somerville Snoop** will rear its ugly head? Makes our **Newstalk** pale by comparison, just saying. Since we just pulled some from our old filing cabinet – a bunch of them and just for old times' sake – and read some of those gossip columns. Wow, we are tame in comparison here at **The Times**. Maybe if they have that column again we will have to step up to the plate, or maybe not. In short, we welcome competition. We say bring it on, we love it and thank you.

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Congratulations to our good friend over in Medford, realtor **John Veneziano**, who was recently sworn in as the new **President of the Medford Chamber of Commerce**. John is the broker of **Re-**

**max Andrew** in Medford. We wish John the best in this his tenure as President of such a prestigious office.

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

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There is still no answer as to why there has been no audit for 10 years now on the **Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund**. After all, the **Board of Aldermen** should be asking questions as to why there has been no audit before turning over any money to them. How much money was raised and given by the taxpayers of Somerville? Who got the money? How much

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# Spring Cleanup and Community Barbecue

City of Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, and Comcast Cares held its annual Spring Cleanup and Community Barbecue on Saturday, April 22.

Residents in each of the city’s seven wards helped prepare the city for the spring and summer by planting flowers, weeding open spaces, and otherwise cleaning our community following the long winter months.

All participants were invited to a community barbecue immediately following the cleanup from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive. The community barbecue featured activities for children and adults including a spring egg hunt, yoga and meditation, and interactive activities to learn about sustainability and the environment.







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SPORTS

Bike Month kickoff at Aeronaut Brewing Company



Join the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee (SBAC) on Sunday, April 29, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Aeronaut Brewery, 14 Tyler St., for a celebration to kick off Bay State Bike Week. The event will feature live music and a special presentation (at 2 p.m.) and book signing by nationally renowned urban planner, safe streets advocate, and author of "Walkable Cities" Jeff Speck. Additionally, more than 20 bike advocacy organizations, businesses, and agencies will be in attendance, including representatives from MassDOT, MassBike, Boston Cyclists Union, and more. The Bike Month Kickoff event is a part of the second annual SustainaVille Week. Learn more at [www.somervillema.gov/sustainaville](http://www.somervillema.gov/sustainaville). The SBAC also hosts monthly Bike Talk Social Hours. The events take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., also at Aeronaut Brewery. May's Bike Talk Social Hour will be on Wednesday, May 2, and will feature a presentation from Stacy Thompson, Executive Director of Livable Streets Alliance, and Becca Wolfson, Executive Director of Boston Cyclists Union. Visit [www.somervillebikes.org](http://www.somervillebikes.org) for more information on the Bike Talk events and other SBAC activities and initiatives.

— Photos courtesy of the Somerville Bike Committee

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Where did Agatha Christie get her knowledge of poisons that she featured in her novels?

2. Which is the highest waterfall in the world?

3. Where was the first Legoland built?

4. What shape is the flag of Switzerland?

5. When did Paul McCartney become a vegetarian?

6. Who was the first to isolate morphine from opium, to be used as a pain reliever?

7. What golfer has won the most Masters titles?

8. What kind of outdoor surface is the tennis championships at Wimbledon played on?

9. What is Australia's national flower?

10. How many teaspoons in 1 cup?

11. What are the three states that have the Large-mouth Bass as their state fish?

12. Where is the tallest rollercoaster in the US?

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Treasure Hunting with Bob

BY BOB ADAMS

A real good month

It's been a good month buying and selling and other stuff. I finally figured out the Salvation Army's 50% off promotion. A month ago, I saw a nice clock there for \$100. If you pose with the item, post it on your Facebook page and tag the SA, you get the item for 50% off. Well. I didn't do that and later felt like an idiot. I'm 57 years old and don't do social media well. I sold the clock at auction for \$908 a week later, so that took the sting out of it somewhat. I went back to the store and bumped into a reader of my column who wished she could do what I do for work. Just do it, I told her. And then, while there, I bought a nice Josh Simpson glass paper weight for \$12 (and resold it through auction for \$160). An odd looking vanity mirror bought for \$8 at another second-hand store was the star of my other auction bringing \$525. It was about 14" tall and made from four antelope horns. No clue who made it or why. I just cash the check. I love auctions. I gather up stuff, drop it off, and let them do all the photographing, describing, shipping, etc. It frees me up to do what I do best. I can't stand dealing with buyers. For that reason, I barely use eBay anymore. I do like second-hand stores with all their nice staff though. Another good score was an old rolled-gold plate (similar to gold-filled) bracelet I had kicking around in storage. It was made in pre-war Germany in the form of a snake that wraps a few times around a woman's wrist. It looked realistic. Well, a couple of people really wanted it and bid it up to \$650. Sweet. That's half a plane ticket so my wife can visit her folks in Europe. Those sales plus the full length mink coat for \$35 (which I'll offer for sale in November), a nice pair of heavy (8 gram) 14K gold earrings for \$4, a vintage guitar for \$70, a Dansk wood tray (?) made for a good month. And, it's the season for yard sales! See you out there.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 3rd floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA.**

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**114 Broadway (ZBA 2018-51):** Applicant/Owner, 116 Broadway LLC, seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §6.1.22 for reduction of the lot area per dwelling unit in the replacement of a one-story building with a new construction 5-story mixed-use building (commercial ground floor and 8 residential units, 1 of which is an inclusionary unit). CCD Zone. Ward 1.

**292 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-13):** Applicant and Owner, Kenn Spera, seeks a determination from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on a repetitive petition under SZO §3.2.11 and M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 16 that there are specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action (ZBA 2007-11-R3-3/2017) by the ZBA was based. A Special Permit is also being sought under SZO §7.11.1.c and §9.13 as well as a Variance under §5.5 and §8.5 to construct a new four-story wood framed structure with five dwelling units. RC Zone. Ward 2.

**51 McGrath Highway (ZBA 2017-46):** Applicant, Life Storage Limited Partnership, and Owner, Sovran Acquisition Limited Partnership, seek a Special Permit with Design Review (SPSR) under §7.11.12.4.c and §5.2 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to construct a self-storage facility of 28,520 gross square feet. IA Zone. Ward 2.

**45 Dane Street (ZBA 2018-26):** Applicant, Alex Van Praagh, and Owner, Philbrick Holdings LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 to construct a second principle structure on the lot to build a new single-family dwelling and Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 and §9.13 to do a gut renovation of the existing nonconforming three-family dwelling and convert it into a two-family dwelling and to add rear porches and a side egress stair. RC Zone. Ward 2.

**5-7 Curtis Street (ZBA 2018-42):** Applicant and Owner, Arun Ravindran, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by finishing a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 7.

**54-56A Elm Street (ZBA 2018-47):** Applicant, Melting Pot, Inc., and Owner, 54 Elm, LLC., seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, §4.5.1 and §7.11 to change from one nonconforming use (previously approved retail space) to another nonconforming use (18-seat coffee shop), and §9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 5.

**265 Washington Street (ZBA 2018-04):** Applicant and Owner, 265 Washington Somerville, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure, including, but not limited to, increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Special Permits under §7.11 of the SZO to increase the number of dwelling units from two to four. Special Permits under Article 9 for parking relief. NB zone. Ward 2.


**51 Cross Street (ZBA 2018-27):** Applicant, Lee W. Thach, DMD Children’s Dental Center, and Property Owner, 51 Cross Street, LLC, seek Special Permits under §7.10 of the SZO for a change-of-use to a dental office. Special Permits under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 1.

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292 Beacon St: <http://eepurl.com/doJlAr>  
51 McGrath Hwy: <http://eepurl.com/drQ9UD>  
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51 Cross St: <http://eepurl.com/drRCpf>

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**5 Middlesex Avenue (PB2018-07):** Applicant, CDNV Assembly LLC, and Owner, CDNV Assembly LLC & Somerville Office Associates Lim-ited Partnership (c/o RD Management LLC), is seeking a Planned Unit Development-A Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) under Article 16 and Section 6.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) for ap-proximately 9.38 acres (lots 88-A-1 & 99-A-15) in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development consisting of five (5) buildings and approximately 1,500,000 square feet (including an existing 162,000 square foot office building) to include commercial (office/R&D/lab), residential, and re-tail. The following waivers are requested:  
1. for relief under §6.4.12.A and §16.5.4 for additional building height as follows; a. “Block 21” commercial uses is composed of a 5-story podium and two towers - one building will be 200’ to the top of roof, and the other 250’ high – with a total of 646,000sf; b. “Block 25” will be a residential tower 220’ high containing 167 units; and, c. “Block 26” will be a commercial building 135’ high containing approximately 140,000sf.  
2. for relief under §16.5.5 to allow 8 loading docks to be shared be-tween uses.  
3. for relief under §13.3.5 to waive the Planning Board’s right of first refusal or option to purchase the inclusionary units.  
ASMD zone. PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.


**325 Assembly Row: Assembly Line Park – Building A (PB 2016-14-R2 (3/2018)):** Applicant & Owner, Street Retail, Inc., seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review–A, final level approval (Decision dated September 22, 2016) of the food service or retail buildings locat-ed within Assembly Line Park to add decorative screening to cover mechanical louvers on the east and west elevations of Building A. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Develop-ment Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman  
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**Public Hearing to Discuss Tree Removal Somerville Ave. Utility & Streetscape Improvements Project, May 2**

The City of Somerville Tree Warden invites all interested residents and community members to a public hearing on Wednesday, May 2, to discuss upcoming tree removal as part of the construction process for the Somerville Ave. Utility & Streetscape Improvements Project. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St. *Note: This is the second public hearing, however the same information will be covered at this hearing. No new information will be presented or discussed.*

The Somerville Ave. Utility and Streetscape Improvements project funding was approved on December 14, 2017. Construction will begin in April 2018, and addresses legacy storm water flooding issues in and around Union Square as well as streetscape improvements on Somerville Ave. between the Bow St./Washington St. intersection and Medford St.

For more information, please visit [www.somervillema.gov/somer-villeave](http://www.somervillema.gov/somer-villeave).

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**Community Preservation Act Funds are available for Affordable Housing Development/Housing Support Programs in the City of Somerville.**

The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust (SAHT) is beginning its annu-al process of local distribution of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. This year’s City of Somerville CPA Community Housing dollars are available through two competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) processes to provide funding for:

- 1) The creation, acquisition or preservation of affordable rental or home-ownership units in Somerville by developers of affordable housing.
- 2) The support of affordable housing in Somerville by housing program providers (rental assistance programs, etc.).


The SAHT is releasing two RFPs on April 19, 2018. Approximately \$1,200,402 in FY18 CPA funds will be designated for Somerville com-munity housing projects and programs. The submission deadline for housing program proposals is 10am on May 23, 2018. The submission deadline for development projects with affordable units is 10am on May 24, 2018.

The RFP documents are available for download at the City of Somer-ville’s website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/afford-able-housing-trust-fund> by clicking on “Funding and Opportunities”.

More information about eligible uses and funding priorities is avail-able in pages 1-2 of each of the RFPs.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Burbidge, Housing Programs Coordinator, City of Somerville, (617) 625-6600 x2587 or by email at [hburbidge@somervillema.gov](mailto:hburbidge@somervillema.gov).

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Removal of Public Shade Trees  
City of Somerville**

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St, Somerville, MA, in the Academy Room** to consider the removal of the following public shade tree(s) for the renovation of Prospect Hill Park:

1. Opposite 45 Munroe Street – removal of 5 inch diameter Red Maple.
2. Opposite 51 Munroe Street – removal of 4 inch diameter Red Maple.
3. Munroe Street, opposite 10 Bigelow Street – removal of 6 inch diameter Red Maple.
4. Opposite 75 Munroe Street – removal of 3 inch diameter Lon-don Planetree.

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

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Form 1084B

([CONFIRMATORY]) TERMINATION OF NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION

M.G.L. c. 21E, § 6 and 310 CMR 40.0000 (310 CMR 40.1083(1)(a))

Form 1084B Is Used When the Notice of Activity and Use Limitation Is No Longer Required to Meet the Requirements of 310 CMR 40.0000

Disposal Site Name: Ashton Fuel

DEP Release Tracking No.(s) 3-12318

WHEREAS, a Notice of Activity and Use Limitation has been registered with the Land Registration Office of the Middlesex South Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1420090 (said Notice of Activity and Use Limitation and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as "Notice");

WHEREAS, said Notice sets forth limitations on use and activities, conditions and obligations affecting certain land situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts [with the buildings and improvements thereon], said land being more particularly bounded and described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property");

WHEREAS, the undersigned, James S. Young, being a Licensed Site Professional, opines that the limitations on activities and uses, conditions and obligations set forth in said Notice are no longer necessary to maintain a condition of No Significant Risk at the Property, and accordingly, said Notice may be terminated;

WHEREAS, said Notice is being terminated because the limitations on activities and uses, conditions and obligations set forth in said Notice are no longer necessary to meet the requirements of 310 CMR 40.0000 at the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, MMCDM 53-55 Mystic, LLC of Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being the owner(s) of said Property, do hereby terminate said Notice.

MMCDM 53-55 Mystic, LLC authorizes and consents to the filing and recordation and/or registration of this Termination of Notice of Activity and Use Limitation, said Termination to become effective when executed under seal by the undersigned Licensed Site Professional and recorded and/or registered with the appropriate Registry of Deeds and/or Land Registration Office.

WITNESS the execution hereof under seal this 5 day of April, 2018

Maddalena Abruzzese, Manager  
MMCDM 53-55 Mystic, LLC

Form 1084B: continued

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

ROBERT A. BENNETT  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
My Comm. Expires Sept. 25, 2020

04.05.18

On this 5 day of April, 2018, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Maddalena Abruzzese, as Manager for MMCDM 53-55 Mystic, LLC, a corporation, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were driver's license, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that (he) (she) signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Robert A. Bennett

(official signature and seal of notary)

The undersigned Licensed Site Professional hereby certifies that this Termination of Notice of Activity and Use Limitation is consistent with a Permanent Solution and maintaining a condition of No Significant Risk.

Date: 4/14/2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

James S. Young

personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and proved to me his/her identity through satisfactory evidence, which were known to me to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document in my presence on this 11th day of April, 2018

Lisa A. Scott

LISA A. SCOTT, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires March 22, 2024

James S. Young  
Licensed Site Professional  
[Licensed Site Professional SEAL]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

JAMES S. YOUNG  
No. 7710  
REGISTERED  
LICENSED SITE PROFESSIONAL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LISA A. SCOTT  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires March 22, 2024

MMCDM 53-55 Mystic, LLC  
55 Mystic Avenue  
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Thursday, May 10, 2018** in the Atrium, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Somerville the Poke for Me LLC d/b/a Pokeworks, 261 Elm St., Somerville, MA for an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License and Sunday Hours

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
Administrative Assistant

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the 200-2 Mystic River Exterior Stair Repairs Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: Repairing and/or replacement of exterior brick stairways and treads. Repair work will include removal of all loose grout and replacing broken bricks and treads as necessary. Re-setting and Replacing selective Limestone stair treads. Re-pointing all joints and caulking at handrail post bases. There are approximately 39 stairways needing repair. The contractor is responsible for all field measurements and quantity takeoffs.

The work is estimated to cost **\$35,000.00**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2018** at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount, and made payable to the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bids can also be obtained electronically by contacting Anthony DiGiovanni at [anthonyd@sha-web.org](mailto:anthonyd@sha-web.org)

A prebid meeting will be held at The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on Friday April 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Anthony DiGiovanni at (617) 625-1152 Ext 330 or Email at [anthonyd@sha-web.org](mailto:anthonyd@sha-web.org)

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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BID ADVERTISEMENT

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the SHA Job No. 1807, Multi Year Service Contract for Shower Surround Installation at Various Developments for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: Complete installation of new one piece heavy duty acrylic shower wall systems with free standing shower bases, plumbing and all associated work upon unit turnovers or upon a Reasonable Accommodation Request.

The service contract is estimated to cost **\$100,000.00**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149, § 26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer.

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A prebid meeting will be held at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on **Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 10:00am**.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Arthur D. Healey School Cafeteria, 5 Meacham St, Somerville, MA 02145.**

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

**845 McGrath Highway & 74 Middlesex Avenue (PB2018-09):** Owner/Applicant, 845 Riverview LLC, is seeking a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A (SPSR-A) final level approval of “Assembly’s Edge” of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on April 5, 2018. Owner/Applicant seek approval under Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) Article §16.8.3 and §5.2 to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development build on 0.85 acres in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) consisting of 368,030 square feet in two buildings. One building will be 147’ containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other, 235’ high containing approximately 210 residential units. Both supported by ground floor retail and restaurant space, with structured parking of approximately 290 spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

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845 McGrath Hwy & 74 Middlesex Avenue: <http://eepurl.com/ddSNpf>  
Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning>.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman  
As published in The Somerville Times on 4/25/18 and 5/2/18  
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SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT BOARD  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
Acquisition of Office Space by Lease for the  
Somerville Retirement Board

The Somerville Retirement Board invites sealed bids for a lease of commercial space for use as its office for the Somerville Retirement Board.

A Request For Proposal (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Somerville Retirement Board, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA 02144 on or after **Wednesday, April 25, 2018.** The RFP is also available electronically via e-mail request at [mpasquariello@somervillema.gov](mailto:mpasquariello@somervillema.gov)

Sealed proposals will be accepted at the above office until **May 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Somerville Retirement Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the Somerville Retirement Board would be served by so doing. Late proposals will be rejected.

Proposals should be submitted to:

Michael Pasquariello, Executive Director  
Somerville Retirement Board  
167 Holland Street  
Somerville, MA 02144

The ideal location will be in a visible and easily accessible area on a main street in the Somerville community on a bus and or train line. The desired lease term is seven years plus two options to extend the lease for five additional years. Lease start date shall be June 1, 2018. Any questions related to this proposal, please call the Retirement Office at (617) 625-6600 extension 4600 or email at [mpasquariello@somervillema.gov](mailto:mpasquariello@somervillema.gov)

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Executive Director  
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[mpasquariello@somervillema.gov](mailto:mpasquariello@somervillema.gov)  
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
Legal Notice of Public Hearing

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

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

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

Attest: Michael Fager, Chair  
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and were they residents of the city before they got the money? Many question and no answers. Why?

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FYI we still think more than ever that the **Winter Hill Yacht Club** should be turned over to the **City of Somerville** as a public marina, to be used and enjoyed by all our Somerville residents, especially now since we heard from sources that the club membership of those living in Somerville is the lowest it’s ever been. But as you can see they have big fence and gate to keep you out, while they pay low rent to the State for a lease for property that is what they refer to in the real estate world as fantastic location. Rumor has it that they might owe back rent. We think it would be a great place for a “public marina” for the use by ALL of Somerville’s residents.

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The **Somerville City Club** is looking to increase its membership, for the time being membership is open to any resident here in the city, a great organization that has been around a long time, with lots of activities that support local charitable groups here. Contact the club on Innerbelt Road across from Holiday Inn for more details.

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**Demets Donuts** in Medford is getting very busy, but those donuts and the large variety are like the old Day’s Donuts, huge and tasty. Almost a sin facing you when you come in for just coffee. It’s hard to not get that jelly or lemon, not to mention the coconut donuts. *The Somerville Times* is available every Wednesday at the donut shop. Stop in, get a coffee and few of those delicious donuts, or maybe the real – and we mean real – egg sandwiches, from real eggs.

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Don’t forget, if you miss the **Board of Aldermen** meetings on **Somerville City Cable** (Comcast 22, RCN 13) or online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/video> every other Thursday night, you can view them in their entirety by going to <http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens>. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public.

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Answers

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| 1. She worked as a pharmacy assistant at University College Hospital, London | Friedrich Sertürner  |
| 2. Angel Falls, Venezuela  | 7. Jack Nicklaus (6)   |
| 3. Legoland Billund Resort, Denmark, 1968                                    | 8. Grass   |
| 4. Square  | 9. Golden Wattle   |
| 5. 1975 – he has been a vegan since 2013                                     | 10. 48 Teaspoons   |
| 6. German pharmacist,  | 11. Georgia, Mississippi, and Indiana                                    |
|  | 12. Jackson, New Jersey – Kingda Ka, Six Flags Great Adventure (456 ft.) |

2018 Veterans Memorial Parade Planned for May 20

The 2018 Somerville Veterans Memorial Parade is gearing up for an incredible display on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 3:00 p.m. from Somerville City Hall.

This will be second year that the parade has been moved from the traditional Sunday on Memorial Day Weekend slot to the Armed Services Weekend which is the third weekend in May. The Parade also kicks off Memorial Week in Somerville, which includes additional events to honor the City’s veterans.

The parade will have 94 units, including Somerville officials, community groups and organizations, the Somerville Police and Fire Departments, local, regional, and national veterans’ organizations and members from each of the armed service branches, and much more. The parade route continues along Highland Ave. through Davis Sq., ending at the intersection of Holland St. and Broadway in Teele Sq.





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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|April 25

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

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

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

Thursday|April 26

**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
Police/Immigrant Dialogue Conversa-  
tions (Tentative)  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Sustainaville Event for Teens: An  
Inconvenient Sequel  
2:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Friday|April 27

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

Monday|April 30

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

Tuesday|May 1

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

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages  
14-16  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland  
Ave

Wednesday|May 2

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

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Wednesday|April 25

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Brian O’Don-  
ovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on  
WGBH)|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
Fellswater WITH Vox Hunters |7:30  
p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Miles Hewitt|8 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

Thursday|April 26

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

**The Burren**  
Bob Bradshaw, The Blue Ribbons|7  
p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Sophistafunk9 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Federator No 1  
Air Congo  
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Steven Kirby and Friends  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
TFDI (Feat. Tony Lucca, Jay Nash &  
Matt Duke)  
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City Bene-  
fiting the Welcome Project  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-  
land Ave

Friday|April 27

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Spectramotiv,  
OTP, Newfane \$10 cover|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi  
Porch Party Mamas CD Release with  
Win Horan, fiddle player of Solas|7  
p.m.  
TBD |10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Binge Magick  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-  
440-6045

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
The Jacob Joliff Band  
The Brother Brothers  
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Boycott|6:30 p.m.  
Party Band|8:30 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

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

Saturday|April 28

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
Daniel Reinstein & Pareidoleia, Hillbil-  
ly Holiday \$10 cover|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Zola with special guest Karen Grenier  
& set by DJ Leah V. |7 p.m.  
Mugsy|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Kong|Thunderfunk  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-  
440-6045

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Aloud

Samantha Farrell, Benjamin Cartel  
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Ariel Strasser  
8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
KERPLUNK!|11 a.m.  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming  
of the Shrew|6 p.m.  
Boston Comedy Festival: All-Stars|8  
p.m.  
255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Journeys in Sound Presents: Daisy  
Castro Group plus Jack Soref & Volt  
Jingjit Gypsy Jazz & Beyond !  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|April 29

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

**The Burren**  
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7  
p.m.  
Ceren Turkmenoglu, Volkan Efe &  
Pouya Shabanpour |4 p.m.  
TBD |10 p.m.  
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Dub Apocalypse  
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**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country &  
Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Thunder Road**  
Sunday Funday Brunch|10 a.m.  
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma|  
7p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Weird Folk Fest Presents: POC Folk  
Fest  
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Somerville Media's April Media Mixer  
4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
BLOWW Presents: Bell of the Ball  
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday|April 30

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

dy|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

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Spelling  
Ozlo, Birdwatching  
8 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|May 1**  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
TBA  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/  
Jazz|8:30 p.m.  
Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10  
p.m.  
The Sacred Shakers Featuring  
Eilen Jewell| 7p.m.&9 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
No Age  
Behavior, Jazz Massagers  
8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Smut Slam  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 2

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Brian O’Don-  
ovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on  
WGBH)|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
Billy Wylder |7p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok Allstars  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-  
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**Thunder Road**  
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night  
Grateful Dead Residency  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
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**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Steven Chagnon  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|April 25

**Central Library**  
SMEA Scholarship Committee  
12 p.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 26

**Central Library**  
Net Zero buildings webinar  
12:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Yoga at the Library  
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library**  
Family Game Night  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

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

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

Friday|April 27

**East Branch Library**  
Book Group  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|April 28

**Central Library**  
Stand-up comedians writers group  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
Costume Upcycling Workshop  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Somerville Winter Farmers Market**  
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Ar-  
mory|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday|April 29

**Central Library**  
April Somerville Babywearing Meet-  
ing  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Monday|April 30

**Central Library**  
Creative Drama Workshop  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Tentative Date for Health Services  
Program  
6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Affordable Housing Working Group  
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|May 1

**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave



Allergy season Q&A with Cambridge Health Alliance Providers

Another harsh New England winter has thankfully come to an end. As the colder time of year comes to a close, allergy season is right around the corner. Itchy and watery eyes, runny noses, coughing and sneezing, and pollen make for a difficult few months for many as we all try to enjoy the outdoors and warmer weather.



More than 50 million Americans suffer from allergies each year. In order to prepare for seasonal allergies, CHA ENT physician Ayesha Khalid, MD, FACS and Jaime Silva, PA-C, at CHA Cambridge Hospital, provide an update on what to expect this season by answering several common questions.

Q: Are allergies the same for everyone?

A: People’s pollen allergies can vary between seasons. However, some allergies can last throughout the year if they are allergic to dust mites, animal dander, and molds.

Q: What is the difference between allergies and a cold?

A: Allergy symptoms such as itchy, watery eyes, and nose are triggered by histamine. A cold is a viral infection.

Q: How are allergies treated?

A: Allergies are usually treated with medications known as antihistamines. Some symptoms can be treated with nasal steroids or pseudoephedrine. If allergy symptoms are not well controlled with medication or if symptoms last throughout the year allergy shots or allergy drops can be considered.

Q: What other strategies can people use?

A: Studies show effective measures of controlling dust or pet dander allergy symptoms include eliminating carpets and rugs in the bedroom, dust covers for pillow cases, and a HEPA filter near the bed.

Q: What else can people do to survive allergy season? Are there home remedies?

A: Rinsing the allergens out of your nasal passages and sinuses with a saline rinse that can be purchased over the counter can be helpful. This also helps moisturize your nasal passages if you are using a nasal spray for allergies. If your symptoms tend to be harsh or worsen please consider scheduling an appointment with your doctor today.

Somerville Little League registration for 2018 Spring Season now open

Register now for Somerville Little League and enjoy a spring season of fun! Programs are available for kids ages 4-12, and run from April to June 2018. To get started, visit <http://www.somervillelittleleague.org/> and click on REGISTER in the upper right corner. Scholarships are available for eligible applicants.



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Upcoming Somerville Media Center Happenings



April Media Mixer & Pitch Event

Sunday, April 29 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Arts at the Armory Cafe

Let's celebrate creativity by throwing a Media Mixer and Pitch event! Come to the event to meet other media makers, filmmakers, editors, actors, aspiring creatives and more. They also welcome attendees to PITCH their ideas and skills to others in the room. Use this space to talk through your project ideas, help craft the logistics, and even market your own skills.

At this mixer, they are joined by their creative friends at Women in Film and Video: New England for this media mixer as they will share more about who they are and the work they do in the film and media industry.

STUDIOLAB & Free Camera Training

Monday, April 30, 8:00 p.m. at SMC Studios

Want to be part of a crew? Want to help out but don't have training? No worries. They are organizing a special FREE TV Studio Camera trainings on Monday, April 30 from 8:00pm – 8:30pm. Following the training, they will have their first in-house production called STUDIOLAB from 8:30-9:30pm. This is staff led and member supported. We are offering this free TV Main Studio Camera class for Creative Collective members. They are specifically targeting you all because they understand that you have required quarterly volunteer hours (5 hours) and this way when there is a need for crew assistance, you can help out.

If you can attend, please RSVP to Erica Jones at [ejones@somervillemedia.org](mailto:ejones@somervillemedia.org) by Monday, April 23.

Cinema Somerville Outdoor Short Film Festival / Call for Submissions

Saturday, May 19th, 8pm at Union Square Plaza

The Somerville Arts Council and Somerville Media Center present an ArtsUnion and Cinema Somerville Short Film Fest on Saturday, May 19th from 8:00-9:30pm held in Union Square plaza or indoors at SMC (in case of inclement weather). Seeking films driven by powerful stories, captivating subjects and important themes. Films that portray a distinct viewpoint on our world, by filmmakers with a confident voice. Some examples of COMMUNITY VOICES are “voices of creativity, voices of change, voices of protest, voices of struggle, voices of happiness, voices of empowerment, voices of hopes and dreams, giving voice to the voiceless, etc.” The selection committee plans to screen several short films for the audience to enjoy. The screening will total 90 minutes.

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<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	9:30pm	The Beantown Beatdown	5:00pm	Reeling Review	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
6:00am	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	10:30pm	TUTV	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	10:30pm	SOM ARTS
7:30am	11:00pm	DIWHY the show	6:30pm	Dear Little Black Girl, Dear Little Black Boy	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
8:00am			7:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
9:00am	<b>Friday, April 27</b>		7:30pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
9:30am	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:00pm	Beyond Boston	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:00am	1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:30am	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
11:00am	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
1:00pm	9:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	4:30pm	Physicians Focus
1:30pm	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar			5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
2:00pm	10:00am	NASA TV	<b>Sunday, April 29</b>		6:00pm	Beyond Boston
2:30pm	11:00am	SOM ARTS	12:00am	Flotilla	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
3:00pm	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
3:30pm	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:30pm	Youth in Front
4:00pm	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	3:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:00pm	1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	6:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
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7:00pm	3:00pm	Democracy Now	6:00am	NASA TV		
7:30pm	4:00pm	Gay USA	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	<b>Tuesday, April 1</b>	
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8:30pm	5:30pm	What's New in Massachusetts?	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
9:00pm	6:00pm	SOM ARTS	10:00am	Art and Ideas	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
10:00pm	6:30pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	Boston Saphhaha Day	7:30am	Esoteric Science
11:00pm	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now!
	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	12:30pm	Effort Pour Christ	10:00am	Road to Recovery
	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	1:30pm	Teen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:00am	Graphic Content
	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	3:00pm	African Television Network	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
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<b>Thursday, April 26</b>			5:00pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Words on Film
12:00am			5:30pm	MediaBot Short Cuts	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash		6:00pm	The Grandstanders	3:00pm	Democracy Now!
6:00am	Free Speech TV		7:00am	New England Pride TV	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
7:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board		8:00pm	Gay USA	4:30pm	Teen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media
7:30am	Perils for Pedestrians		8:30pm	Dear Little Black Girl, Dear Little Black Boy	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
8:00am	DW Focus on Europe		9:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
8:30pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		10:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film	6:00pm	2018 Tufts Food Systems Symposium
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today		10:30pm	The Boston Medium	6:30pm	2018 Tufts Food Systems Symposium
9:30am	Hello Neighbor		11:00pm	The Boston medium	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:00am	The Kamla Show		11:30pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
10:30am	Somerville Pundits			SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	LIVE - The Somerville Line
11:00am	Art and Ideas		<b>Monday, April 30</b>		9:00pm	LIVE - The Somerville Line
11:30am	The real estate answer show		12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	TUTV
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show		5:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	10:30pm	Public Access Boyz
1:00pm	The Somerville Line		6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
3:00pm	Democracy Now!		7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:30pm	MediaBot Short Cuts
4:00pm	Hello Neighbor!		7:30am	Going Postal		
4:30pm	The Struggle					
5:00pm	Words on Film					
6:00pm	Somerville neighborhood News					
6:30pm	Somerville Pundits					
7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium					
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8:00pm	Startup TV Boston					

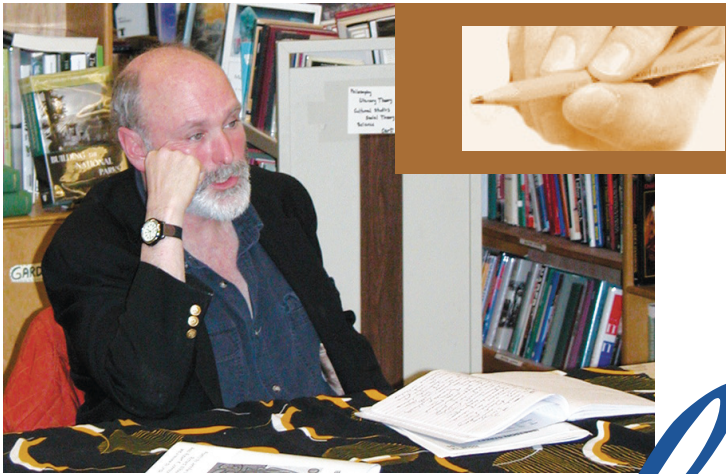
CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>	1:01am	GLX Public Info Meeting - 3.28.18	6:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	12:30am	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
8:30am	2:08am	Talking Business	7:33pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	2:00am	Greek Independence Day Celebration
9:00am	2:30am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	8:00pm	Congressional Update	8:30am	SomerViva em Português
9:30am	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	8:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	9:01am	Celling Your Soul
11:30am	9:00am	Middlesex County Update	9:00pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 4.26.18
12:00pm	9:30am	Aldermen at Work - Will Mbah	10:30pm	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm	Housing & Community Development
6:00pm	11:30am	Rally Point "Women In the Military"	11:01pm	Congressional Update		
9:30pm	12:01pm	Public Health & Safety - 4.10.18	<b>Sunday, April 29</b>		<b>Tuesday, May 1</b>	
10:00pm	1:30pm	Legislative Matters Committee	12:00am	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"	12:00am	Celling Your Soul
10:31pm	6:30pm	Celling Your Soul	12:30am	Celling Your Soul	2:00am	SomerViva em Português
11:00pm	8:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Will Mbah	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout	2:31am	Women's History Month Celebration
	9:00pm	Congressional Update	9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Will Mbah	8:30am	Middlesex County Update
<b>Thursday, April 26</b>	9:30pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration	9:30am	Celling Your Soul	9:00am	Public Health & Safety - 4.10.18
12:00am	10:33pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00pm	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"	11:30am	SomerViva em Português
8:30am	11:00pm	Rally Point "Women In the Military"	12:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	12:01pm	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"
8:30am	12:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	1:00pm	Rally Point "Women In the Military"	12:30pm	Celling Your Soul
9:00am	1:03am	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	1:31pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	2:30pm	Conway Field and Playground Information
11:30am	2:30am	Conway Field and Playground Information	6:30pm	Congressional Update	6:00pm	Land Use Committee of the Whole - LIVE
12:01pm	8:30am	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	7:00pm	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"		
12:31pm	11:30am	SomerViva em Português	7:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	<b>Wednesday, May 2</b>	
4:00pm	12:00pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	8:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Will Mbah	12:00am	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"
7:00pm	1:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 4.26.18	12:30am	SomerViva em Português
	2:33pm	Rally Point "Women In the Military"	<b>Monday, April 30</b>		1:01am	Conway Field and Playground Information
	3:04pm	Talking Business	12:00am	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"	2:30am	GLX Public Info Meeting - 3.28.18

Educational TV 15 Schedule

<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>	9:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert	9:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - WHCS	12:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Brown School -
9:00am	10:00am	SHS CTE Fair	9:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Brown School -	1:00pm	Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals
11:00am	10:30am	Student of the Qtr. - Healey	10:00pm	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala	2:00pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop
12:00pm	11:00am	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala	11:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - WHCIS	5:00pm	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala
3:00pm	12:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - WHCIS			6:30pm	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18
3:30pm	1:00pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop	<b>Sunday, April 29</b>		7:00pm	Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals
4:00pm	4:00pm	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18	12:00am	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18	8:00pm	SHS CTE Fair
4:30pm	4:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey	12:30am	SHS CTE Fair	8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Brown School -
5:00pm	5:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	1:00am	Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals	9:00pm	Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals
7:00pm	6:00pm	SHS CTE Fair	2:00am	Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals	10:00pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop
8:30pm	6:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey	3:00am	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS		
9:00pm	7:00pm	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala	9:00am	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	<b>Tuesday, May 1</b>	
	8:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - WHCIS	11:00am	SFLC Summer Camp & Activities Fair	1:00am	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala
<b>Thursday, April 26</b>	9:00pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop	11:30am	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	9:00am	Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals
12:00am			12:00pm	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year	10:00am	Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals
1:00pm	12:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	1:30pm	Our Schools, Our City	11:00am	SHS Alumni Tour
2:30pm	1:00pm	Public Domain Theater	2:00pm	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18	12:00pm	SHS CTE Fair
3:30pm	1:30pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop	3:00pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop	12:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey
4:00pm	2:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	6:00pm	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	1:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - WHCS
4:30pm	2:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey	8:00pm	SFLC Summer Camp & Activities Fair	1:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
5:00pm	3:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - WHCS	8:30pm	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	2:00pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop
8:30pm	1:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - WHCS	9:00pm	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year	5:00pm	Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals
9:00pm	1:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - WHCS	10:30pm	Our Schools, Our City	6:00pm	Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals
10:30pm	2:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Brown School -	11:00pm	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18	7:00pm	SHS Alumni Tour
11:00pm	2:30pm	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala			8:00pm	SHS CTE Fair
	3:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - WHCIS	<b>Monday, April 30</b>		8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey
	4:00pm	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18	12:00am	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18	9:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - WHCS
	4:30pm	SHS CTE Fair	12:30am	SHS Softball vs Winthrop	9:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
<b>Friday, April 27</b>	5:00pm	SHS Softball vs Winthrop	3:29am	Public Domain Theater	10:00pm	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala
12:00am	8:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	9:00am	Celling Your Soul: Raising Kids in a Digital Age	12:00am	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters
1:00am	8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey	11:00am	Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals	2:00am	SHS Softball vs Winthrop
1:30am			12:00pm	SHS CTE Fair		





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Gesunkenes Kulturgut  
—Quabbin Reservoir, MA

When more was required than could be freely given,  
  
We dammed the valley and disincorporated the towns,  
  
Forced the people to sell their homes. We ripped up  
  
The train tracks and tore down the trees, scraped away  
  
The topsoil and razed the buildings, left only cellar holes.  
  
In defense, we moved the dead, carted their bodies  
  
To different holes uphill, left them their names. Then  
  
We watched the water cover what we'd done.

Eventually,

Someone set an easel on the shore: slash of sage for trees,  
  
Cerulean and speckled white above, a few black vees.  
  
And just beyond the canvas, the old roads that still led  
  
Down the banks to slip below the surface & crisscross  
  
Unseen somewhere far below.

— Jon D. Lee

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'there it is'

New & Selected Poems



Michael Casey was recently on my Somerville Media Show *Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer*, where we discussed his new book of poetry. Here is a review of the book by Dennis Daly

*there it is*  
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Review by Dennis Daly

When understated, casual, colloquial poetry – you know, the type that anyone can write – jolts winsome expectations with subtext after insightful subtext, watch out. Michael Casey has been writing this type of poetic narrative at least since 1972, when Stanley Kunitz chose his book *Obscenities* for the Yale Younger Poets Prize. Casey's new book, *there it is New & Selected Poems*, chronicles his inspired career with lyrical monologues like no others. His poetry lures you in with its blue collar simplicity and sets you up, sometimes within a single piece, sometimes cumulatively.

The collection's opening poem, and one of my favorites, *the last Yankee*, packs a wallop. Casey narrates the travails of a house-poor elderly lady as she negotiates the twists and turns of life's labyrinth. Her attempts to keep up appearances elicit the reader's sympathy. On the other hand, her flaws conjure up consternation and an interesting tension. Consider these lines,

... she stood outside  
pretending her bags  
were filled with groceries  
she said the City of Lowell  
made an offer to give her  
so much a month if only  
she'd sign over the house  
the owner of the Irish nursing home  
tried a similar deal too  
but she didn't like the idea  
the politicians and nursing home owner  
were trying to steal her house  
and she wanted me to understand  
that two things ruined this town  
unions and Catholics

One of the hallmarks of first and second generation immigrants in the now old industrial towns such as Lowell was rote learning. Catholic nuns often provided the delivery system. In his poem, *severed head*, Casey mixes brutality with venomous wit. Sister Superior, doubling as a substitute teacher, and a defensive one at that, asks the question, What did Marco Polo discover? Louie, the usually quiet student, answers, polo. The enraged Sister Superior assaults Louie with a metallic edged ruler (all Catholic school students of that era know the ruler I'm talking about) and opens up a blood-spewing gash in his head. There is not a little irony here. Additionally, Louie was correct. Marco Polo most probably saw buzkashi, a Central Asian game, played with a goat's head, during his travels. In fact polo was most likely named after him. Here's the piece's denouement,

he bled all over  
had to go to the hospital for stitches  
his mother takes him  
out of St Michael's  
transfers him to the Varnum  
I see him much later  
and says to him  
Lou, why'd y'ever raise your hand?  
why say Marco Polo discovered polo?  
and Louie goes  
he did didn't he?  
he goes you know  
Mongolian horsemen with a severed head

Many of Casey's mill poems drive home the inevitability of human nature in labor calculations, as well as survival

traits. Laugh out loud funny and stupidity does not entirely cancel out the underlying employment danger. The poet explains,

this new guy  
he throws a bucket of the stuff  
into the kettle  
it splashes back  
his ass was on fire  
runnin all over the dye house  
Walter chasin after him  
it was Alfred and me caught him  
and Walter helped us  
throw him in a soap barrel  
same fuckin guy  
was gonna bring home  
industrial peroxide  
for his wife to dye her hair  
Walter caught him then  
just in time

Elevator transport holds the key to business success or failure in the factory world. Casey puts an exclamation point on this dictum in his poem entitled forklift driver. Humorously, the poet pins the sins of the world or at least its endangerment on a single multiple offender, the all-powerful forklift driver. In the heart of the piece the poet details the infraction,

he tried to drive the forklift in it  
when the door was closed  
that is the third day in a row  
something like that happened  
I'd say to him  
don't even bother ta punch out  
just leave  
it'd be worth the week's pay or so  
just to get rid of him  
do you know how important  
that fuckin elevator is?

Drawing from his experience in the military police, the poet narrates with a combination of horror and black humor. The pieces themselves are insightful well-cut diamonds. Casey's poem *frisk* especially sparkles. After the arrestee lets loose a torrent of verbal abuse, the MPs take action. Then the piece, noting the response, concludes with three punch lines. Take your pick,

who taught you how to talk tat nice?  
guy replies  
your mother and his sister  
Harry and I didn't say a word to him  
we just looked at reach other  
and then kicked  
the drunk's feet away from the wall  
his face fell nose first  
flat on the concrete  
his neck actually cracks and snaps up  
and I would not have cared more less  
it was Harry's fault anyway  
he should a kept quiet  
I don't even have a sister

War equals death. Those who engage in it better understand its unbounded bestiality. Good people become good soldiers by killing. In fact, both good soldiers and dead soldiers share certain traits. Casey's persona in his piece *Victor* poses with an explanation,

... they back up the jeep  
to take the picture looking down  
and that is why the ground  
is the actual background for the picture  
except for that and the flies  
the picture they took  
makes both of us look alive

I've never seen sheer power and keen intellect and down-to-earth humor fused in just this way. Once again Casey's poems detonate our hitherto artistic calm with their dangerous uniqueness.



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