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Board of Aldermen sends marijuana resolution to State Senate



A resolution sponsored by Alderman At-Large John M. Connolly's calls for increasing the state marijuana oversight commission to five members and letting other state departments have seats on the commission.

By Joe Ruvido

The Board of Aldermen unanimously approved a resolution recommending that the Massachusetts State Senate delegation increase the marijuana oversight commission from three to five members. The resolution is non-binding, but signals the Board's desire to play a role in the formation of regulations regarding recreational marijuana. Alderman at-large Jack Connolly introduced the resolution to the Board at their most recent meeting.

Massachusetts voters legalized the possession and home growing of marijuana via ballot initiative in November's election. As it's written, the law stipulates a 3-member Cannabis Control Commission to be appointed by the Massachusetts State Treasurer's office. The Commission's job is to license recreational marijuana facilities in the State. Connolly's Continued on page 4

A tiny but great outdoor festival

By Rebecca Danvers

The Somerville Arts Council and the Somerville Office of Sustainability and Environment presented the Tiny Great Outdoors Festival, a free Arbor Day and SustainaVille event, at the city's tiniest "urban wild," Quincy Street Open Space on Sunday, April 23.

Attendees joined scientists on tiny hikes in the park exploring wildlife here in Somerville, and learned how global warming is changing the environment, even in our backyards. Others helped plant a tree and took home free seedlings, and participated in activities, games, and art.

The scientists and wildlife experts that led visitors on tiny hikes through the park during the event included:

· Bryan Hamlin, former chairman of the Friends of the Middlesex Fells and past president of the New England Botanical Club, who has helped lead a census of all the plants in the

· Sasha Vivelo, a Ph.D.



The Tiny Great Outdoors Festival brought participants out to celebrate the city's tiniest "urban wild" at Continued on page 12 Quincy Street Open Space last Sunday. – Photos by Claudia Ferro

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The Highland Masonic Building Association will be holding its annual (now 5 years) Giggles Comedy Night on Wednesday, April 26, at Prince of Pizza on Rte. 1. Come join in and have a night of laughs and a chance to win any one of over 25 gift baskets. Every year over 100 locals gather and have a great night of comedy with 3-4 professional comedians, plus a few surprises again this year. Tickets sold at the door.

There was a big turnout at Ward Two Alderman MaryAnn Heuston's fundraiser last week. She certainly was fired up with her short but to the point speech to the excited crowd. Maryann is taking her challenger seriously. Alderman At-Large Bill White introduced all the local politicians present and Mayor Joe Curtatone was her special guest speaker. A packed in and enthusiastic crowd of about 100 turned out to show their support for Maryann.

It's always nice to run into former Alderman At-Large Helen Corrigan, who is still pretty active here in the community. She's very done a lot with the local Democratic Party as an active member. We wish her the best.

Happy Birthday this week to our friends here in the Ville: A big happy birthday to the famous Mike Moccia of the Ball Square Café, and of course the famous Moccia family of Victor's Deli. Mike is a good guy who welcomes everyone by name and makes you feel real good. We hope Mike has a great birthday this week. Also, another great guy, Brett Henry of the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. Another one who is always smiling and welcoming everyone to his family's famous establishment here in Somerville. The best lobsters and roast beef, and don't forget the awesome breakfast buffet every Sunday. We wish Brett the very best on this his birthday. A good friend of ours is celebrating this week as well, attorney Frank J. Kautz II, of Woburn (www.kautzlaw.com). A great guy, honest and a good friend. We hope Frank has a great birthday this week as well. Another long time friend here at the paper and well known in the real estate community, Jim Bain of Wells Fargo is celebrating this

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City to examine data on car ownership and parking issues

M says:

Street parking is not an unlimited resource despite our permitting behaviors. Every property only had so much frontage. Perhaps we should tie the number of permits to frontage of a building and work curb cuts into the math. Once you have the numbers per building sell them if someone isn't using theirs credit them and sell it.

LindaS says:

Perhaps if more new construction projects were for municipal parking lots instead of apartment buildings there would be a decrease in this issue.

The city could make money since metered parking would be used there, and it would free up streets while still encouraging more people to come into the city to do business.

The problem also may be that since the Mayor is trying to encourage everyone to travel by foot, public transportation and bicycle, he's less interested in creating more parking spaces, even though no matter what he does, there will always be people driving into and through Somerville.

Just look at how many parking lots outside major stores are filled, even though they are also accessible by public transportation. This should show that there is still a need for public parking, regardless of how many people walk, bike and use public transportation.

Also remember that a person can only carry so many purchases on foot or on the T, which is why people will still need to use cars to shop. You can't carry a whole shopping load on a bike or a bus, or a large item that cannot be transported except by car.

If you want to encourage more business patronage here, you need to make it available to all forms of transportation, and not enough seems to be getting done when it comes to car travel, even though it is a necessity for many people.

Matt says

Linda, you make some good points. The bigger story here is not in front of retail shops and store-fronts. In those locations it makes sense to build parking structures and underground lots. The problem is street parking... and the fact that space is limited. You can have a street lined with 3 family homes each with 6-9 cars and not expect there to be huge parking problems.

The only fix to this is to limit the number of permits offered.

Old Taxpayer says:

You have to take into consideration visitors. Sometimes on out street we have out of town cars that happen to visit in the same week. Having a lot of elderly we constantly have caretakers and visiting nurses. The only option for some of us is just to hot top more of our yard to solve the problem. So it is more than just the people who rent or buy. The 3 family houses are more complicated as with the high prices there is more sharing of the apartment meaning more cars even. Forget public transportation on my street as the sidewalks are not senior friendly even if you are capable of walking that far. So there are so many factors it makes it impossible to come up with a plan except for many of us to move out to and give up our thought of our lifetime of living in Somerville. I have been here 70 years and watched it go from a walkable city to what is now just called one. Those that were then will know what I am talking about. Planning is missing the common sense factor here.

Response to: Ask not what local businesses can do for you, ask what you can do for your local businesses

Virgínia Lane says:

More trees all over the city! And once planted, caring for them. Please

MarketMan says:

flowering trees

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City approves two ordinances for passage, two others still in progress

By Jordan Deschenes

Somerville's Legislative Matters Committee met last Thursday to discuss four major items related to ordinances, two of which were recommended for passage by the Board of Aldermen. The meeting was cut short by a half-hour due to an ongoing City Planning Board Meeting that several aldermen needed to attend, including the Committee Chairwoman, Mary Jo Rossetti.

"We spent just under an hour's time on this particular issue," observed Rossetti at the end of the meeting, referring to a grant-related ordinance still in discussion stages.

"And we passed two ordinances!" exclaimed Tim Snyder, Somerville's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Two ordinances Passed by the Com-

The first ordinance that was passed ordered for the creation of a Rental Registration Program. The program would facilitate the dissemination of tenant rights information to non-English speaking city residents and impose fines on non-resident landlords who do not comply after a first-time warning.

The other ordinance recommended by the Committee would extend protections for city-owned trees from being unearthed at-will by contractors. Under

the new revisions, trees cannot be altered in any way unless a developer has undergone a hearing to exempt certain plots of land from tree-related protections.

CPA Grant Appropriation and the **Community Benefits Committee**

For the hour-long remainder of the meeting, the Committee discussed an ordinance still in progress that pertains to the handling of city grants from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and the creation of a Community Benefits Committee (CBC).

The main intent of the ordinance is to create a semi-centralized process for individual neighborhood applicants to receive CPA grant funding. By introducing the CBC, city proponents are certain that it will establish a greater balance of power between the Neighborhood Council and the Board of Aldermen (BOA).

Notably, the ordinance's language and structure were partially adopted from both the state CPA template and a similar ordinance passed in Cambridge.

"The Community Preservation Act has been a credible process of hearing the community needs and processing requests in a way so that everyone involved has transparency in the process to see how the decisions were reached," said Michael Glavin, Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.



An extension of protections for city-owned trees from being unearthed at-will by contractors was one of the ordinances recommended at the latest meeting of the Board of Aldermen

"The decisions came from parts of the community, but were also shaped in accordance with criteria that were already well developed."

As the draft currently reads, the CBC's essential role will be as an official applicant to receive CPA grant funding on behalf of Neighborhood Councils, who cannot act individually as applicants. For a neighborhood to receive funds, a CBC-approved application has to be presented to the Mayor, who will then submit the application to the BOA for consideration. The BOA will officially decide whether or not to award a grant contract and allocate the specified Community Benefits Funds.

According to Section 1a of the draft CBC ordinance, "nine voting members who are residents of Somerville," are able to serve on the CBC for one-year terms and are limited to a cap of only two years. Of the nine members, one must "own a small business in Somerville" and two others "shall be members of a nonprofit organization".

Alderman William White Jr. brought attention to a correction in inconsistent wording in draft and proposed that CBC members should be "residents" of the city, and not simply "citizens" who work in Somerville but live outside of the city.

A further proposition suggested by Alderman Mark Niedergang was to include that the six remaining unspecified seat vacancies should include at least one tenant, homeowner, and resident landlord. Niedergang's reasoning for this was because he had particular concerns that tenants would be overlooked for seats on the Committee.

The selection process for choosing CBC members will be in the hands of a three-person nominating committee, chosen by both the mayor and BOA. The mayor must appoint one member, the BOA will appoint another, and both the mayor and the BOA must agree upon the third individual.

As the meeting came to a close, the Committee was thorough in ensuring that grant funds would be distributed responsibly, especially after the funds are deposited into individual "neighborhood-specific sub accounts". In order for the Community Benefits Committee to apply for funding on behalf of their neighborhood constituents, it must first identify Funding Priorities that have to be approved by the BOA in the form of a Funding Request and are in agreement with data from Committee-conducted "periodic needs assessments".

To ensure that Committee data is unbiased, citywide needs assessments will also be conducted every five years. Furthermore, the existing Community Benefits Agreement also requires developers and community representatives to provide a comprehensive list of entities and cost-specific goals for individual projects.

In a brief interview after the meeting, Director Glavin explained that the ordinance is part of a larger effort to "create the capacity to form councils that directly address ground-issues and proposed developments."

The Committee agreed to have the ordinance settled by the end of its next meeting, which will be held on May 4. Also to be discussed is an ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users, which not finalized for the current meeting.

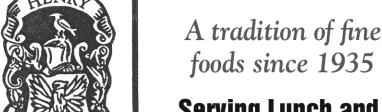
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EWEEKIN CRI By Jim Clark

Two phones to go from Dunkin's

Police officers were dispatched to the Dunkin' Donuts restaurant on Elm St. last week on reports of a larceny.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke with the alleged victim who reportedly told them that he had set down two phones, an Apple iPhone 7 Plus and a Google Pixel, on a table and stepped away for a few minutes. During the time that the victim was away from the table and his phones, two females and a male, later identified as the suspects, approached the table where the phones were, sat down at the adjacent table, and looked at both phones a few times.

One of the females reportedly sat down at the adjacent table and set aside a walker. The other female sat down across from her. Accompanying both women

was the defendant, later identified as Roderick St. Rose, who sat at the table with the phones.

At one point, it appears as if both of the females point to the security camera that captures the entire incident. After a few minutes, the second female reportedly got up and walked a few feet away from the table, looked around, and then returned to the table.

According to reports, St. Rose then grabbed both cell phones and exited the restaurant out onto Elm Street.

The two females then got up and began to make their way out as well, just as the victim returned to the table and noticed that his phones are missing. The victim briefly interacted with women before they exited the store. It is then that the victim called 911 to report his stolen phones.

The officers, upon viewing this on the security footage, put out an alert for the three suspects while they searched the area on foot.

The victim was asked if he was able to ping the phone and he was able to. The iPhone was pinging to a Green St. location in Cambridge. The officers then notified Cambridge Police of the incident and gave them descriptions of two women and St. Rose, along with the approximate location of where the iPhone was currently pinging.

A few minutes later, Cambridge Police officers were able to locate one of the women and St. Rose at Green St. As the Somerville officers made their way to the Green St. area, they reportedly spotted the other female suspect at the corner of Chester and Cottage Avenue. The officers exited the cruiser to stop her for questioning.

Other officers arrived at the Green St. location and identified St. Rose and his female companion as the suspects from the security footage.

During a search of both parties, Cambridge was able to locate the Google Pixel but not the iPhone. The victim was called and asked to ping the phone again and it was still showing Green St. as its current location. After being read his Miranda Warning, St. Rose was asked where the iPhone was. St. Rose reportedly kept telling police that he bought the Google phone from someone at a bar and that he did not have any other phones.

St. Rose was then shown photos taken from the security footage of him and the two women sitting at the table with the phones.

Finally, St. Rose reportedly admitted to taking the phones and told us that the iPhone was hidden in a grey knit cap in the driveway of a Green St. residence.

St. Rose was placed in handcuffs and advised that he was under arrest for larceny over \$250 and conspiracy. The two women were informed that they would be summoned on charges of conspiracy.

St. Rose was subsequently transported to the Somerville Police Department for booking.

After clearing the Cambridge location, both phones were returned to the victim

Arrests:

Roderick St. Rose, of 24 Albany St., Cambridge, April 17, 11:56 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of larceny over \$250 and conspiracy.

Joao Bairos, of 17 Indiana Ave., April 20, 2:40 p.m., ar-

rested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked registration.

Jahhiaha Carr, of 63 Washington Ave., Chelsea, April 20, 8:51 p.m., arrested at Cross St.

on charges of distribution of a class D drug and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Avery Walker, of 85A Arlington St., Medford, April 21, 4:20 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Robert Sullivan, of 68 Auckland St., Dorchester, April 22, 1:33 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of leaving the scene of property damage and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor 2nd offense.

Ramon Lugo, of 86 Jennings St., Lawrence, April 22, 2:09 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of failure to stop for yield, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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Board of Aldermen sends marijuana resolution to State Senate

commission to five members and letting other state departments have seats on the commission, such as the Attorney General's office or the State Department of Agricultural Resources. "I think it is vital that multiple agencies have a stake in the regulatory process," said Connolly, who noted that representatives at the state level are looking into similar measures.

Connolly is well aware that Somerville voters approved marijuana legalization by a 4:1 margin in the election. "The public has been very clear on its intentions," remarked Connolly at the meeting. "We understand what the will of the people is, but we only have one chance to

Colorado, which legalized medicinal and recreational marijuana before Massachusetts, already has a functioning oversight authority. Licensing and taxation falls under the Colorado department of Revenue, while the Department of Education advises the public on substance abuse prevention and the Department of Public Health is in charge of monitoring the effects of marijuana sales on and consumption by the public. According to Marketwatch, Colorado took in \$200 million in tax revenue in 2016 on recreational marijuana sales of more than \$1.3 billion.

The trend from the Massachusetts state legislature has been

resolution calls for increasing the get these regulations right at the toward delay and more regulation. State Senator Pat Jehlen of Somerville is the chairperson of the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Marijuana Policy. Alongside vice Chair Jason Lewis from Winchester, the committee has so far promulgated multiple bills, including those that regulate the potency of edibles and the amount of marijuana one can legally grow at home. The senate voted in December to delay the issuance of licenses for recreational shops until July

> Somerville could have as many as three medical marijuana shops opening this year, but the amount of recreational shops to be licensed in 2018 is yet to be determined.

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Somerville Commission for Women co-hosts Car Seat Installation

By By Kristen Strezo, Co-Chair Somerville Commission for Women

Parents and caregivers know how important car seats are to safety. Even so, many may not be installing them properly. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, it is estimated that "59 percent of car seats and 20 percent of booster seats are misused in a way that could reduce their effectiveness."

In an effort to prevent improperly installed car seats, the Somerville Commission for Women and the Somerville Police Department will be hosting a car seat check on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Police Station in Union Square, 220 Washington Street, where parents and caregivers can make certain that their car seats are installed correctly.

The event is part of Somerville's Family Safety Fair in collaboration with Nation-

al Prescription Drug Take Back Day in which visitors can drop off unused and expired prescription drugs anonymously.

If you have a car seat, stop by and have it checked. While you're there, say hi to some of the hardworking ladies on the Somerville Commission for Women. If you cannot make it Saturday, you can schedule a car seat installation by contacting the Somerville Police at: seats@police.somerville.ma.us or 617-625-1600 x 7264.

Kristen Strezo is the Co-Chair of the City of Somerville's Commission for Women; however, the views and opinions expressed in this article



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Rep. Mike Connolly

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



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DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

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

Do you know that cranberry juice is the Bay State's offi-

cial beverage? The corn muffin is the official muffin? The Boston Terrier is the official dog? The chocolate cookie is the official cookie? Dr. Seuss is the official children's author? The Rolling Rock in Fall River is the official glacial rock? These designations were approved by the Legislature over the past several decades and signed into law by the governor at that time.

There are dozens of other "official designations" dating as far back as 1918 when the Mayflower was designated the official state flower.

Most of these types of bills are filed by legislators on behalf of classes of students. It is not too late for students to propose a bill for the 2017-2018 session. Teachers and students should contact their local senators or representatives.

Sponsors of the various proposals say this is a way to teach youngsters about the legislative process. The children often go up to Beacon Hill to testify in favor of their bill.

Some critics say that the perennial filing of such proposals wastes the valuable time of the Legislature, which should be dealing with real issues and serious legislation.

One of the more unique ones that has not been approved is the proposal making the Fluffernutter, a sandwich combining peanut butter and Marshmallow Fluff on white bread, the state's official sandwich. The concoction was invented in 1917 and the recipe was purchased by North Shore natives Allen Durkee and Fred Mower. It is still made in a small manufacturing plant in Lynn.

Other unsuccessful proposals from past years include making the late Rex Trailer, the iconic Massachusetts children's television host, the official state cowboy; the "Number 6" the official state number; double fudge brownie the official ice cream; squash the official vegetable and Necco wafers the official candy.

Two of the most controversial of the successful designations are the 2007 vote making basketball the official state sport and the 2012 one making volleyball the state's official recreational and team sport. Both were approved but there was some rare opposition.

Volleyball supporters explain that volleyball was invented in 1895 in Holyoke by William Morgan. Basketball supporters say that the National Basketball Hall of Fame is located in Springfield and note the game was invented in 1891 in that city by James Naismith, a gym teacher at the YMCA Training School. They also point out that that the Celtics have won more NBA championships than any other team.

Red Sox fans point to the team's recent World Series wins and argue that Boston has been and always will be "a baseball town." Supporters of the Patriots point to the team' recent Super Bowl victories. Bruins fans point to the Stanley Cup win in 2011 and the team's rich history.

Of the thousands of bills filed for the 2017-2018 session, there are many that attempt to designate "something" as the state's official "something."

Here are some of the proposals up for consideration this session:

OFFICIAL STATE ROCK SONG (H 1683) - One measure that was filed by a legislator and not on behalf

of any students, is the one that would make *Roadrunner* by The Modern Lovers the state's official rock song. The proposal was first filed in 2013 by Weymouth Mayor Bob Hedlund and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. Both men were state legislators at that time.

Rep. Dave Linsky (D-Natick) picked up the torch and filed the bill in 2015 but it went nowhere. He has filed it again this year. Linsky tells *Beacon Hill Roll Call* that The Modern Lovers were a Boston-based rock band led by Jonathan Richman who is a Natick native, the town in which Linsky was born and currently represents as a state representative.

"Roadrunner, ranked the 274th Greatest Song of All Time by Rolling Stone Magazine, embodies what it was like for my generation growing up in the Massachusetts of the 1970s and 1980s," said Linsky. "The lyrics of the song take the listener on a late-night car ride down Massachusetts Route 128, passing by several Bay State landmarks, including Stop & Shop, Howard Johnson's, Routes 9 and 128 and the Massachusetts Turnpike. Roadrunner combines the liberation of youth on the open road with the sights and sounds (Radio on!) of our beloved Commonwealth."

Reps. James Cantwell (D-Marshfield) and Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury) had originally disagreed with the choice of *Roadrunner*. In 2014, they filed a competing bill that would make Aerosmith's *Dream On* the official rock song. They have since compromised. "We agreed to support *Roadrunner* as [the] state rock song," said Cutler. "Aerosmith makes more sense as [the state's] official rock band." The duo plans to eventually file the Aerosmith bill.

OFFICIAL SHELLFISH (H 1654) - The quahog, a hard-shelled clam enjoyed by many seafood lovers. It also served as a form of currency for Native American tribes.

OFFICIAL TEXTILE (H 3376) - Gingham. The Town of Clinton was a world leader in the manufacture of cotton gingham fabric. According to the town's website, "In 1828 the Bigelow brothers, Erastus and Horatio, started an industrial revolution that left a lasting mark on the many aspects of Clinton. Erastus, a mechanical genius, invented the power loom for manufacturing coachlace, counterpane cloths and gingham plaids. With Horatio, a marketing entrepreneur, the brothers captured a firm hold on the textile industry."

OFFICIAL CUPCAKE (H 1701) - The Boston Cream Pie Cupcake as the official cupcake. Need we say more?

OFFICIAL SEASONING (H 1693) -Bell's Seasoning as the official seasoning. It was created in 1867 by Boston inventor William Bell and is manufactured in East Weymouth.

OFFICIAL BUTTERFLY (H 3364) - The Black Swallowtail as the official butterfly. Sponsors say this is an opportunity to educate, inform and engage the public as butterflies play a role in maintaining a healthy environment and are an important contributor to the ecosystem and help promote plant diversity.

OFFICIAL COUNTY SONG (H 1717) - 14 Counties of Massachusetts as the state's official county song. The song was written by Darci Hamman and her thirdgrade class at Our Lady's Academy, a private catholic

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school in Waltham, to provide a fun and engaging way for students across the state to learn the names of the 14 counties of Massachusetts.

The entire list of official state symbols/designations can be found online at: http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cispdf/Mass_Facts.pdf

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REVENUE COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN MAY - The Revenue Committee will hold several hearings in May including:

ENCOURAGE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS (H 1641) - May 1 at 10 a.m. in Room B-2 in the Statehouse on a proposal that would allow homeowners living in a home worth \$500,000 or less to deduct the cost of any home improvements from their property tax. The owner can deduct 100 percent of the increase in the tax liability because of the cost of the improvements in the first year and 50 percent of the costs in the second year. The deductions would be allowed only if a community votes to opt into this new incentive.

NO CORPORATE EXCISE TAX (H 1481) -

May 9 at 1 p.m. in Room B-2 in the Statehouse on legislation that will exempt businesses with fewer than 25 employees from paying the corporate excise tax for the first three years they are in business. Currently, the mandatory minimum corporate excise tax is \$456.

TAX WEALTHY PRIVATE COLLEGES (H 1617)

continued

 Also included at the May 9 hearing is a bill that would impose a 2.5 percent tax on any private college that has an endowment fund of more than \$1 billion. The funds would go into a newly-created Educational Opportunity for All Trust Fund that would be used exclusively for the purposes of subsidizing the cost of higher education, early education and child care for lower-income and middle-class residents of the Bay State.

RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CRED-

IT (H 3320) -May 16 at 10 a.m. in Room A-1 in the Statehouse on a bill that will allow a residential renewable energy credit of up to \$1,000 for installing solar and wind equipment at a person's second home. Current law offers the credit only for a primary residence. The credit offsets a taxpayer's personal income tax in the year that the system was financed.

HANDS-FREE PHONES ONLY (S 1908) - The

Transportation Committee held a public hearing on a bill that would ban the use of hand-held cell phones for all drivers but allow them to use a hands-free cell phone with voice-activated dialing. Supporters said that it is dangerous to dial and talk on the phone while driving. They argued that the bill would save lives, prevent serious injuries and make the roads safer for everyone. Amendment opponents said that the amendment goes too far and is unnecessary government intrusion into people's cars and rights. They noted that there are already many existing laws that prohibit all types of distracted driving.

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 17-21, the House met for a total of 21 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 16 minutes.

Mon. April 17	No House session No Senate session
Tues. April 18	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:16 a.m
Wed. April 19	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. April 20	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.
Fri. April 21	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **DOM List Price Address Description** Sale Price 96 Putnam Rd 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial 22 \$519,000 \$553,000 36 Bond St 4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage 23 \$549,900 \$562,000 26 Hinckley St 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Other \$701,000 14 \$619,000 20 81 Yorktown St 5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial \$700,000 \$760,000

П	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
П	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
ľ	18-20 Arlington St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$699,900	\$725,000		
П	292 Summer St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	86	\$699,900	\$680,000		
	51 Pitman U:3B	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	130	\$699,900	\$685,000		
П	45 Endicott Ave U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	6	\$719,000	\$785,000		
	935 Broadway U:# 1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	260	\$719,900	\$700,000		
П	18-20 Arlington St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	40	\$724,900	\$724,900		
	31 Hancock U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	194	\$725,000	\$720,000		
П	42-44 Puritan Road U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	27	\$739,900	\$733,000		
	42 Myrtle Street U:B4	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	8	\$749,000	\$782,000		
П	17 Banks U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$769,900	\$777,000		
	35 Victoria St U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Mid-Rise	22	\$799,900	\$810,000		
П	53 Kent Street U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	21	\$899,900	\$890,000		

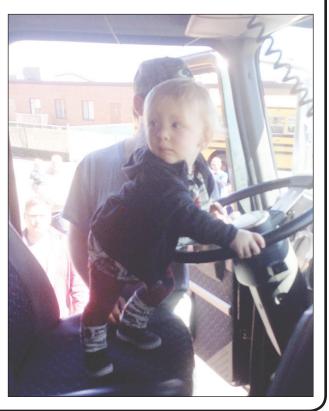
		Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Mo	nth:	
	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
ı	29 Jackson Rd	2 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$625,000	\$625,000
ı	57 Franklin St	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	67	\$749,000	\$680,000
ı	51-53 Woods Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$799,995	\$852,000
ı	158 Walnut St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	10	\$874,900	\$874,900
ı	195 School Street	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	58	\$925,000	\$900,000
ı	108 Cross Street	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	41	\$1,200,000	\$1,225,000
ı	8 Hardan Rd	2 unit, 13 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	134	\$1,275,000	\$1,145,000
l	55 Bonair St	4 unit, 22 total room, 10 total bedroom 4 Family	20	\$1,499,999	\$1,550,000
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'Touch a Truck for Autism Awareness'

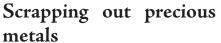
This past weekend, the annual "Touch a Truck for Autism Awareness" event was held in the Peabody REC center. The event is hosted in a different town in Massachusetts each year to bring awareness to Autism. Fire Trucks, police cars and ambulances, along with many other trucks from different fields, including our own city DPW truck, were made available for interaction. Many kids benefited from the experience and fun was had by all. Look for a full description on the events Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/events/388050488220920/ - By Donald Norton / Photos by Kevin McDevitt







Treasure Hunting with Bob



About once a year or so, I send my 'junk' precious metals off to be refined. It's spring here now and it's time to clean up. For the past few weeks, I've been looking hard at trophy bowls with odd engravings to people long dead, miss-matched flatware, broken jewelry and other bits that I've collected over the year. This year, I have about 30 lbs. of sterling and 2 lbs. of

karat gold to refine.

I don't take back a check, I take back gold ingots for my wife's retirement. Me, no retirement needed. I'll do this until I drop. I stash the ingots in my bank vault like Whitey Bulger.

My refiner pays me 98% of the gold value and 90% of the silver and platinum value. I very rarely find platinum in the second-hand stores. The last piece of platinum was sold to me a few months ago as a sterling necklace. Usually it's white gold masquerading

as sterling, but that day a nice filigree platinum and diamond necklace for the price of lunch.

I'm not going to scrap that piece. My wife will wear it for a few years until I find her some other sparkly item she likes better. Then, I'll sell it at auction, eBay or at my jewelry booth at the Cambridge Antique Market. You can be sure I'll charge more than lunch for it.

Today's finds added to the outgoing scrap. I found a heavy 14 gram gold necklace and a pair of earrings for a

few dollars while out hunting. Being all dented and twisted won't matter to the refiner's torch.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com

Dorothy's Corner By Dorothy DIMARZO



With Cinco de Mayo around the corner, here's a recipe that's sure to please just about anyone who tries it. It's creamy, chunky, smoky, citrusy with a hint of heat. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips or use it as a garnish in a taco.

- 3 Hass Avocados, chopped into small cubes
- 2 Limes, zested and juiced
- 2 Medium Garlic Cloves, finely minced
- 1/2 Cup Red Onion, finely minced
- 1 Small Serrano Chili Pepper, finely
- 1/2 Tsp. Ground Cumin Kosher Salt, large pinch
- 1/4 Cup Cilantro, roughly chopped

In a medium bowl, add the avocado cubes, lime zest and juice mix well. The citric acid will stop the oxidation of the avocados. Add the garlic, onion, Serrano Chili, cumin, salt and cilantro. Mix well. The more you mix, the creamier the guacamole will be. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish with a cilantro leaf. If a more intense heat is desired, a medium jalapeño Pepper can be substituted for the Serrano Chili.

Please see the video below for the easiest way to prepare an avocado. Serves 3-4.

http://nordicfoodliving.com/howto-cut-and-dice-an-avocado/

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Bluntly Speaking by Ross E. Blouin, Publisher The Somerville Times

Moving forward in Union Square

After eight years of community discussion on the future of Union Square, the road to redevelopment has finally been paved with just a few more milestones to go. Earlier this month, the City of Somerville finalized its agreement with local developer US2 that is effectively moving the conversation forward.

A covenant between US2 and the city ensures that the community will benefit significantly from the redevelopment project, with an estimated \$112 million in developer contributions and payments to the community and a substantial increase in real estate tax revenue totaling nearly one-half billion (\$445 million) over the next 30 years. Funding for the Green Line extension, sewer and street upgrades, new open space, and more are included in the covenant, a legally binding agreement which will go in effect if the Board of Aldermen approves Union Square zoning. Once in effect, the covenant also dictates that US2 negotiate a community benefits agreement with community members with the Union Square Neighborhood Council - a group that is currently being formed.

SomerVision becomes a reality

Beginning with the SomerVision planning process in 2009 and the 20-year comprehensive plan for the city that emerged, the City of Somerville chose to work with a master developer to ensure that critical community goals were met. Without the master developer the city would likely continue to see small-scale development focused entirely on

residential units with no overall plan. This smart, community driven development process was in response to the increased interest from developers who had begun buying-up property, driving-up prices and seeking to develop luxury housing - the City of Somerville acted quickly to prevent mass displacement of local residents.

US2 was selected to help advance the goals of job and tax revenue creation while preserving affordability, expanding green space, increasing sustainability, diversifying transportation options and other goals. Working with US2 as a master developer has allowed the city to negotiate these benefits around long overdue infrastructure needs and a number of other benefits deemed a priority by residents and advocates, many of whom have been involved in this process from the beginning. The next step will continue the open, transparent process as a representative neighborhood council is formed to negotiate additional benefits through an official community benefits agreement. This council will play an important role, as they will also be responsible for advising the city's

community benefits committee (to be established) on funding priorities for the neighborhood.

Diverse and exemplary benefits for the community

The community, the City of Somerville and US2 agree on prioritizing job and tax revenue creation with this plan, which will include a 2.3 million-square-foot mixed-use employment center, itself featuring 1.38 million square feet of new work spaces - five percent of which will be dedicated to arts and creative space. The result will be more than 5,000 new permanent jobs (ranging from service to professional) and more than 4,000 construction jobs. Millions in job linkages payments will also be leveraged to create additional jobs in the square and housing linkage payments will support the creation of added affordable housing. This new mix of uses will activate Union Square during both day and night, bringing significant new spending to the neighborhood.

Moving forward together

This Thursday, April 27, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority will take up the city's purchase agreement with US2. That document, known as the Master Land Disposition Agreement has been under review by the Somerville Redevelopment Authority for the past two months. With a positive vote on that document, the next step in the puzzle is new zoning for Union Square. The Board of Aldermen is currently in-the-midst of a deliberative and thorough vetting of the city's proposed overlay district in Union Square. A vote on that document could come in May.

Once zoning is passed, US2 will present a master plan to the community for the revitalization parcels. Those plans will need to comply with the new zoning and all agreements that US2, the city and the community have worked on. US2 will be charged with ensuring that its future plans are grounded in SomerVision and the Union Square Neighborhood Plan. Moving forward, the redevelopment process will remain an open, inclusive and public one that will eventually put shovels in the ground and make development in Union Square a reality.

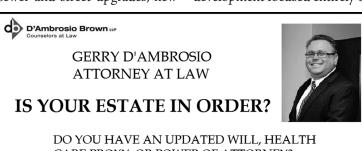
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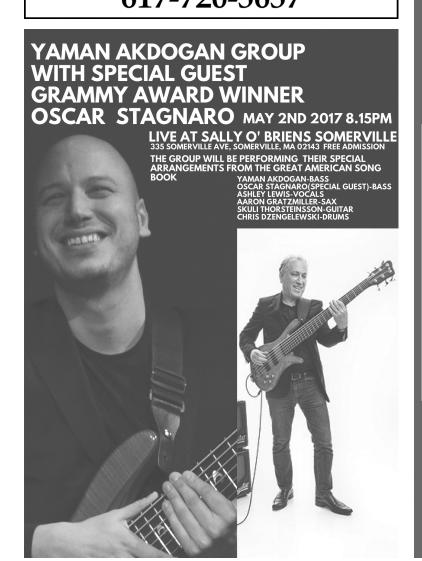
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Union Square Portraits:

Conversations about America – with Sam from backbar

By JT Thompson

Sam: shaved head and full beard, the young white owner of backbar, a hipster cocktail bar located behind an anonymous looking metal door in a little alley just off the main plaza of Union Square.

When I walk into backbar one sunny afternoon at 4:30, Sam is sitting at the bar, wearing brown jeans, red sneakers and a mauve, long-sleeved t-shirt. I was looking for a bartender to approach, and he was wearing an apron, with leather straps across his back, serious looking things, like what a whiskey barrel craftsman or gunslinger would wear.

Later, I discovered that when you mention Sam to people around the Square, male or female, you get an appreciative grin and a slight shake of the head, as if to say, What a rascal! At the time, I hadn't met him before, so it was only when we got talking that I found out that he was the owner.

I walk up, make my pitch to him, and he agrees to talk to me.

"Just need to post the 'drink of the day' first. Gotta keep up with that social media stuff," he says with a grin.

While he disappears into the back, I order a drink and wait for him on one of the grey, cushioned benches which circle the room that opens onto the bar. I look around at the bar Sam has

On one wall of the room is an intricate, sprawling black and white mural of a Prohibition-era roadster next to a woman in a sweeping gown covered with roses. Pop music from the 30s plays on the speakers. Star Wars paraphernalia is scattered on the shelves, a stormtrooper helmet, a Boba Fett helmet, a couple of Darth Vader bedtime story books, on a shelf stuffed with books about cocktails and bartending. There's a love expressed here of things which are classic - beautiful, well crafted, with history - and a love of the era when a bartender was an outlaw; there's also a sense of humor.

Above the bar is a giant pyramid shaped skylight, which lets the soft afternoon light pour

into the narrow space.

A chalkboard with beautifully drawn writing announces the drink of the day, the drink of the week, and the milk punch of the week, whatever that is, with names like Smoke Shop, Left Hand of Darkness, Martinique Medicine.

The bartender isn't pretentious about explaining the complicated ingredients of the drinks to me, he is delighted, as though he is getting to share a secret.

I am sipping my Smoke Shop (tobacco infused whiskey, among other things) when Sam comes out to join me.

He knows how to look hip, but, as I discover, this is not an ironic, postmodern guy. Sturdily self-confident, he speaks with conviction, very open minded and devoted to change, but firm in his beliefs, which he expresses easily and articulately.

Sam grew up just west of Boston. It's not clear when his father's side of the family came to America – "there's several generations of English in there" – but his mother's side, the Irish Kennedys, who came to America in the 1700s, have a lineage that stretches back to the 11th century.

"For my next tattoo, I'm going to get the family coat of arms, a dolphin and some kind of bird, with the words, Avise la fin, Consider the end."

The town Sam grew up in is "probably the wealthiest small town in the state, maybe the country. Which is totally disgusting. But growing up there was great."

Biking to his friends' houses. Running around in the woods. The diner in the little town center, where his father took him and his brother every Wednesday. Wandering in the bookstore owned by his best friend's mom. A small, but excellent public school, with kids that stayed in all the way through high school.

"I prided myself on being friends with people from all the different cliques." A skill which has served him well as a bartender.

Sam started bartending in college, in Minnesota, as a way to make money on the side, and

fell in love with it. The energy, the people, the craft behind the drinks. He then bartended in Seattle, Boston and Hawaii, which is where he was when he got an email from a friend, asking if he wanted to start a bar in Union Square.

"I thought – Union Square? That's the part of Somerville I still thought of as Slummerville. But here I am, and it's working."

Sam was only 26 when he

Sam was only 26 when he started backbar; that was six years ago.

As we talk, he occasionally pauses to ask one of his staff a question – Karen, did that wine come in? What did you think? Hey Jeff, are we good on the drink of the day bitters?

He is relaxed with them, obviously trusts them, loves having things run well, stays engaged. He must be a great boss to have.

While we are talking, he is in constant motion. Rubbing his hands against his knees. Shifting side to side. Leaning forward, leaning back. Looking up to the left when he is thinking something through, looking back at me again when he has his thought firm.

But this is not nervous energy. It is contained, controlled energy. This is a powerhouse of a person, built to move fast for long periods of time.

Which must be useful behind

Sam sees his life story as particularly American because "of the freedom of choice I've had for a career. In other countries, you have to know much earlier. In Japan, you have to be an apprentice, spend decades to become a master, maybe inherit a restaurant. In France, by 13 you have to pick where you're headed. If you want to be a doctor, you have to choose by 13.

"I can see some merit in that. But I wholeheartedly believe in, and appreciate, the freedom to choose to change my mind. I don't know if I'm going to want to own a bar the rest of my life."

A long pause.

"There's probably lots of things that I don't appreciate about being American.

"But I don't believe the myth that we're the greatest. We're



Owner of backbar, Sam.

not. Not our economy, not our school system, not our health-care. Not in how we take care of our citizens. We don't have free healthcare. Maternity leave.

"I'm jealous of Sweden. Voting day is a national holiday, everyone votes. If it's close, they do it again. Not like that Florida bullshit, hanging chads, one or two votes.

"There's lots of systemic things I wish we could change.

"But I probably don't realize the many good things gifted to me by being an American. Freedoms. Choices."

He looks at me with a gentle shrug.

"Are there things about America that you do think are great?"

Sam rubs his hands together,

looks down, then looks up again. "Four months ago I would have

given you a different answer."

A dark look crosses his face, then he shrugs it off.

"I like the idea of the melting pot. Trying to welcome people from all over the world, letting them create a new identity.

"How you identify yourself is important. What's the list – name, gender, race, religion, political leanings, nationality.

"What's beautiful about Amer-

ica is that we all have different ways of identifying ourselves.

"We're taught that we're important, that our individualism matters. You're not a cog in a machine. You're not a sheep in a herd. You're encouraged to create your own identity, one that resonates for you.

"For me – my starting point is white male in America.

"I don't think of those as my identifying characteristics, though they're important to others.

"The way I define myself is as an atheist.

"Which is not a popular one. But allowed."

A pause.

"For now."

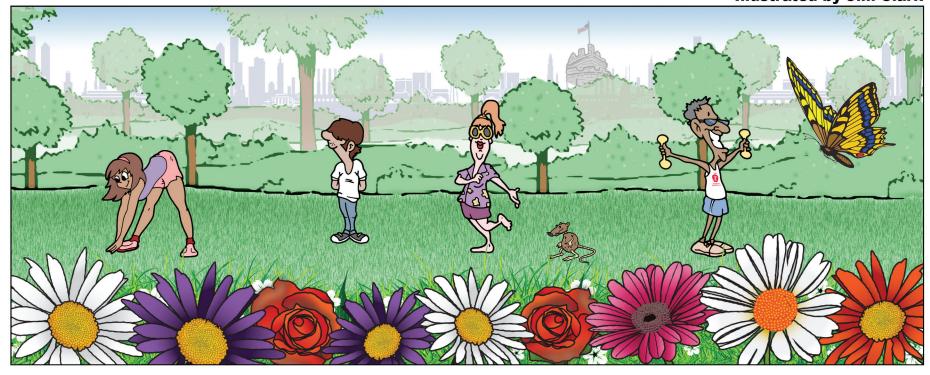
When Sam and I are done talking, he goes back to the bar and gets into deep discussion with his bartenders. Customers start drifting in, looking over the menu and the chalkboard, ordering drinks, starting lively conversations. The drinks are steeped in American cocktail traditions, but innovative; the atmosphere is welcoming and relaxed. Sam has created a little community center here, an oasis of good humored beauty. A small piece of America.

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Our View Of The Times

Welcome to Earth-loving Somerville.



One thing can be rightfully said about the majority of us who live in this fair city, we love our green spaces and respect the natural beauty of the environment around us. Not just locally either. Most of us are smart enough to realize the importance of protecting the delicate ecological balance on this planet we call home, both globally and right here in our own back yards.

So it is with great pride and a sense of dutiful honor that many of us are enthusiastically participating in this week's "SustainaVille Week" activities.

It kicked off on Saturday with the great Annual Spring Clean Up, a favorite with local volunteers who eagerly embrace the opportunity to pitch in and do a little detailing around the city's environs, picking up scraps and bits of refuse that might otherwise get overlooked through the course of the year. Seldom does such a large-scale "housekeeping" project evolve into a full-blown party atmosphere enjoyed by all who participate. It's just one example of the spirit of volunteerism that characterizes the best qualities of those who call this city home.

The green consciousness flows onward throughout the whole week with events

such as Tiny Great Outdoors Festival, Environmental Storytime, Spring Cleanup & BBQ, Walk/Ride Day Kickoff, Carbon Neutrality Teach-In, Participatory U.N.-Style Climate Talks and more.

It's an opportunity to reconnect with our commitment to sustainability and responsible stewardship of our environment. We have to live with it, folks. We may as well make it the best it can be.

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for over 30 years. And finally, the best for last, Julie Phelan Brady. Although a Medford native, she's very well known here in Somerville. She's a good person, and formerly the campaign manager for Bob Trane and several others here in the city. We hope Julie has a great time this week. She's a nice lady. To all the others that are celebrating this week, we wish you the very best of birthdays.

It looks like a good race is shaping up in Ward Four this year, with two now running. Omar Boukili, who lives in the Ten Hills, who works for Revere's Mayor Arrigo and was a close advisor to our own Mayor Curtatone, is in the race. Look for him on the streets of Ward Four. He tells us that he's going to knock on every door in the ward. He knows how to get things done, and who to call. We think he will make a great alderman. We hear he's going to be having a campaign kickoff very shortly.

Our condolences to the family of John "Jack" Rourke of Winter Hill, who passed away this week. Jack has been involved here in the city for many years. A good guy, we send our sympathy to his family and many friends. We understand

that he will be waked later this week at **Doherty's Funeral Home**. Go to their website for correct times and dates.

Ward Three Alderman Bob McWatters has booked his fundraiser. As we predicted, it will be at Sally O'Brien's on May 16. He packs them in all the time. He's not called the constituent's alderman for nothing, constantly out walking the ward. We hear that Bob might have an opponent who was put in the race by another alderman or two, but we predict you have to work extra extra hard to outwork Bob in Ward 3. If he does have an opponent for sure, we hope that guy is ready to have a few fundraisers. So far Bob has held fewer fundraisers since being elected and has the largest alderman funds raised in the city.

One will have a hotly contested race as well this year. Now we hear that Elio LoRusso is seriously considering running again. If he does we think he might have the advantage of certain political figures not getting involved, as happened a few years ago. Elio is considering it, and we also hear that maybe one other will join the race. Let's face it, Alderman McLaughlin isn't from Ward One and he's missed quite a few meetings with the Board this past year or two. We also hear he's neglected some neighborhood meetings as well in Ward One, which is why he might have a strong opponent or two.

The annual Somerville High Scholarship Foundation fundraiser is once again upon us, with the chance to win \$10K CASH, plus up to 24 prizes of \$100 each. Friday, May 12 at the high school's Highlander Café. Tickets for the \$10K drawing are \$100 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. A great cause serving the students from Somerville. Over the years the foundation committee has raised over a million dollars and each year many students

from Somerville High benefit from the generosity of the foundation and those that support it. Contact **Eugene Brune** or mail a check for \$100 to SHS Raffle c/o **Joseph Favaloro**, P.O. Box 440275 Somerville 02144.

We mentioned this before, but have you noticed how cheaply the huge ugly monster at the corner of **Temple and Broadway** is being built? Look closely, not even real bricks. It looks like the building is put together with toothpicks. How does the **Planning Department** and **City Hall** allow something like that to be built here in the city? Where are the standards? What do you think?

Parents and Guardians are invited to join the Celebration at City Hall. Children can learn how City Hall works, what happens there, who works there and how their voices can be heard. Enjoy music, activities and brief remarks by Mayor Joseph Curtatone. Before you join in, feel free to read the SFLC Social Story with your young child about how Somerville is a Kind and Fair City for all its residents. Read in English, Spanish, Portuguese or Haitian Creole. For more information about

A tiny but great outdoor festival

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student in Boston University's Department of Biology researching how the growth of mushrooms and other fungi affect ecosystems and climate.

- · Jef Taylor, of Boston's Urban Nature Walks group, a naturalist specializing in urban wildlife, bugs, mushrooms, creepy crawlies, and weird stuff, who has been leading hikes around these parts since 2003.
- · Rachel Taylor, the City of Somerville's Animal Control Officer and Inspector.
- · Vanessa Boukili, an urban forestry and landscape planner and conservation agent for the City of Somerville.
- · Andy Reinmann, a forest ecologist at Boston University, where he researches the effects of urbanization and climate change on forest growth.

Visitors to the festival planted trees with City of Somerville Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner Vanessa Boukili, painted animals with Somerville artist Johanna Finnegan-Topitzer, and tried out worm-bin composting with Groundwork Somerville.

Participants also learned how we can reduce our carbon output and live more sustainably by playing educational games presented by the city's SustainaVille program. Somerville artist Rachel Mello exhibited art depicting bees, ants, and inch-worms made from recycled advertising banners to address reuse and recycling.

The idea for the Tiny Great Outdoors Festival was dreamed up by Greg Cook, the freelance event planner behind Somerville's Pity Party in 2015 and Tiny Tall Ships Festival in 2016. He created the festival to celebrate "urban wilds," a term for what are often small pockets of nature within our cities. The Quincy Street Open Space is one of these urban nature parks. Located on the site of a burned-down house, it's been reclaimed as a tiny sustainable woodland landscape created in a dense, residential urban neighborhood.





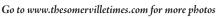














Photos by Claudia Ferro



Annual Spring Clean Up

Somerville residents celebrated Earth Day with the City of Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, and Comcast Cares at the annual Spring Cleanup and Community Barbecue. Residents were invited to join ward captains and city officials in each of the city's seven wards to plant flowers, weed open spaces, and clean our open spaces.

Refreshments, t-shirts, and hats were provided to all participants at the clean-up locations, and all participants were rewarded for their efforts at a community barbecue at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive.

Pictured here, the Ward 1 volunteers do their part to help clean up their part of the city.















SPORTS

8th Annual Playworks Run for Recess 5K

By Tom Bannister

On Saturday, May 20, students and staff members East Somerville Community School, West Somerville Neighborhood School, Dr. Albert F. Argenziano School, and Benjamin G. Brown School, will participate in the 8th Annual Playworks Run for Recess 5K presented by Playworks New England, New Balance, Positive Tracks, and Social Boston Sports. Funds raised through the family friendly 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run, which will take place along Franklin Park's world-famous cross country course adjacent to the zoo in Roxbury, will support play and physical activity in 75 elementary schools across New England.

School team members will join an expected 1,000 participants

who will run with the collective goal of raising \$15,000 for Playworks New England. In its 11th year, the nonprofit, which is part of a national organization, brings play and youth programming development into schools during recess as a means to improve the health and well-being of children and to enhance learning through the power of play.

"At Playworks New England, we are working to transform recess into a place where all students are given the opportunity to feel included, be active, and build valuable conflict resolution, social, and emotional skills needed to thrive in the classroom and beyond," says Jonathan Gay, Playworks New England Executive Director. "We are grateful to all of our school partners who allow



us to work with their students and staff members to ensure that all youth have a place on the playground."

For the third consecutive year, Positive Tracks is the event's Presenting Partner. The sportsbased youth development organization empowers youth to get active and give back. The nonprofit assists Playworks New England with supporting youth participants by providing FREE hands on help, advocacy tips, and team building tools to help youth use their own minds and muscle to help causes they care about. In addition to helping kids learn how to sweat for good, Positive Tracks matches all money raised by Playworks Run for Recess 5K youth participants ages 23 and under. Additionally, Playworks is honored to have New Balance and Social Boston Sports join as event sponsors. For 10 years, New Balance has been the premier movement partner for Playworks New England.

Participants can choose from one of two running routes along the Franklin Park Playstead Field. All runners will get a Playworks goodie bag. The first 400 runners registered will receive a free Playworks t-shirt. An award presentation for the top three finishers will take place at the conclusion of the race. All participants will receive certificates.

Registration and start times are as follows:

- · Pre-Registration and Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.
- · One Mile Fun Run beings at

10 a.m.

- · 5K Run for Recess begins at 10:30 a.m.
- · Recess 12:00pm 1:00pm

All ages welcome. Registration fees range from \$10 to \$50, dependent upon route and group packages. All fees increase by \$5 for onsite at Franklin Park. To register for the 8th Annual Playworks Run for Recess 5K on May 20, to support a school team, or to volunteer, visit: https://www. playworks.org/communities/ massachusetts/events/8th-annual-playworks-run-recess. For further questions, contact Karleen Herbst, Playworks New England Development Manager, at kherbst@playworks.org or call (617)-708-1734.

About Playworks New En-

Playworks New England is a regional branch of a national nonprofit working to bring play and physical activity into elementary schools as a means to improve the health and well-being of children and to enhance learning. Through onsite direct-service coaching and training school faculty and staff, Playworks integrates physical activity and social and emotional learning skill-building into organized activities during recess to create a space where students feel included, are active, and build valuable social and emotional skills needed to thrive in the classroom and beyond. Entering its 11th year, Playworks New England serves 50,000 students in more than 100 elementary schools across Massachusetts,

Rhode Island and New Hampshire. To date, the nonprofit has served 160,000 youth. For more information, visit: http://www. playworks.org/communities/ massachusetts.

New Balance Foundation

Since 1981, the New Balance Foundation has served a deeply held mission: to support charitable organizations whose humanitarian efforts work for the betterment of our children and communities. The heart of the focus of the Foundation is the prevention of childhood obesity.

About Positive Tracks:

Positive Tracks (positivetracks. org) is a national, sports-based youth development organization that helps youth get active and give back. Positive Tracks combines philanthropy and athletics to empower young people to be partners, participants and leaders in making the world better, starting with themselves. Contact CEO & Founder Nini Meyer: nmeyer@ positivetracks.org

About Social Boston Sports:

Social Boston Sports (SBS) was created in January 2007 by four young professionals with the goal of keeping the fun we had in college alive after college. Today, SBS is a rapidly growing community of SBS-ers who love to have fun and live life to the fullest! Specifically, SBS provides our community members, aka SBS-ers, with an organized way to get involved in coed recreational sports leagues, events, and adventure trips throughout Boston.

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- 1. What manufacturer made the first car with an air conditioner?
- 2. What does WD stand for in WD-40?
- 3. Where does the American flag fly twenty four hours a day 365 days a year?
- 4. In West Side Story where is the area it is the the west side of?
- 5. At New York's Public Library, what are the names of the stone lions outside?
- 6. How many toes does

an ostrich have?

- 7. What candy was created for Ronald Regan?
- 8. Liberty cabbage is another name for what?
- 9. Which rock group's original pianist, Ian Stewart, died in 1985?
- 10. What was Bing Crosby's real first name?
- 11. Which Clint Eastwood movie has the most killings?
- 12. Which X rated movie won an Oscar?

Answers on page 17

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LEGOLAND® looking for kids aged 5-10 to assist Master Model Builder



LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston has announced the search for their 2017-2018 Creative Crew, twelve children aged 5-10 who will have the opportunity to participate in exclusive building sessions with Master Model Builder Megan Amaral, attend special events and be the first to test new rides and games.

The Creative Crew will also serve as a "kid panel" to share tips about everything from the best seat in the 4D theater to how to get the highest score on rides and other little known facts about visiting LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston. The contest was launche LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/legolanddiscoverycenterboston) and will run through Sunday, April 30.

To apply, children must answer the question, "What does LEGO mean to you?" and submit a video or photo with a written answer. Submissions should also include an original LEGO build that the child has created. The contest is open to children throughout New England who are willing to come to LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston once a month for Creative Crew events.

Winners will be chosen by Megan Amaral and announced on Monday, May 8 on LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston's Facebook page. The induction of the new Creative Crew will be held on Sunday, June 4.

"I meet with the Creative Crew monthly to teach them new LEGO building techniques, show them a new part of the attractions or celebrate one of our special events," said Megan Amaral, LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston's Master Model Builder. "We are looking for creative and passionate kids from across New England who want to have fun trying out new parts of the attraction and can help us spread the word of all the cool things LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston has to offer."

LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston is open daily at 10:00 a.m. Advance tickets are suggested to guarantee admission and can be purchased online at www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/boston.

School Spring Concerts coming soon

Benjamin Brown School Spring Concert: Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 6:30-8:00pm Somerville High School Auditorium

The concert will feature performances by kindergarten-grade 5 music classes, grade 3-5 strings, grade 4-5 band, Junior Chorus and Senior Chorus

Capuano Early Childhood Center Kindergarten Spring Concert: Friday, June 2, 2017, 9:15-10:00am

Capuano Early Childhood Center Cafetorium

The concert will feature performances by all of the Capuano Kindergarten classes.

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SCATV rebranded as Somerville Media Center

After over 30+ years of operation, SCATV has created an umbrella brand for their three main programs: SCATV, Boston Free Radio, and Somerville Neighborhood News. The Somerville Media Center launch party will take place on April 28th from 12pm – 4pm at 90 Union Square. All are welcome to come and check out the new signage, have a tour, meet more of your community media neighbors and enjoy some snacks.



This is not to say that SCATV is going away. Nor is BFR or SNN, the other marquee activities at Somerville Media Center. In fact, the logo, designed by Annie Smidt of Somerville-based Durable Creative, a brand, design and web consultancy, specifically includes the SCATV, BFR & SNN initials in the design. Says Zipp, "After more than 30 years of building goodwill in the community under the name SCATV, the last thing we want to do is 'throw the baby out with the bathwater." Zipp was quick to point out that cable TV content on SCATV channel 3 in Somerville, remains a core activity. However, "We want the expectation that comes to mind when referring to this organization to go beyond TV. We are Boston Free Radio. We are Somerville Neighborhood News. We have a vibrant youth media program, workshops in the media arts, and audio and video content shared not only on our web site, but via social media, youtube and beyond."

Zipp also revealed that this planning predates his arrival in April 2016 as Executive Director. The SCATV board under Jesse Moos began the process more than a year ago with a committee comprised of board members and SCATV staff.

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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 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

13 Alpine Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-75) Applicant and Owner, 2-13 Alpine St. LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to extending existing non-conformities, §7.11 to create more than three residential units, and Article 9 for parking relief. BB zone. Ward 5.

14 Cedar Street: (Case: ZBA 2017-29) Applicants and Owners, Peter Riordan & Cynthia Singer-Riordan, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to increase the FAR. RA zone. Ward 5.

54-56A Elm Street: (Case # ZBA 2014-83-E1-03/17) Applicant & Owner, 54 Elm, LLC, seeks a time extension of a Special Permit under SZO §5.3.10 for Case No. ZBA 2014-83, approved on February 4, 2015, which was granted to alter and expand the nonconforming structure by rebuilding the existing storefront with a second floor to add an additional dwelling unit on-site. Parking relief was also required. RB zone. Ward 5.

400-406 Mystic Avenue: (Case # ZBA 2015-65-R1-03/17) Applicant, Cedarwood Development, LLC, and Owner, Charmed Life, LLC, seek a revision to a Special Permit under SZO §5.3.8 to correct a typographical error regarding the fractional payment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. BB zone. Ward 4

81 Sacramento Street: (Case # ZBA 2017-25) The Applicants and Owners, Sophia and Frank Maniaci, seek a special permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to construct a second story addition in the rear of the nonconforming structure. RC zone. Ward 2.

275A Highland Avenue: (Case # ZBA 2017-28) Applicant, Lennie Alickman, and Owner, Stacy Alickman Trust, seek a special permit under 4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to perform alterations to a nonconforming structure that include relocating a door and windows. RC zone. Ward 5.

Completed application forms are not posted online but submittals 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 www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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<u>BID</u> <u>Advertisement</u>

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Painting Contractors for exterior painting at One Cape Court (667-1) Elderly Apartment Building located at One Capen Court, Somerville, Ma. 02145.

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General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4th, 2017 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 SOMER-VILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available electronically by contacting Brian Langton at brianl@SHA-Web.org 617-625-1152 Ext. 331 or for pickup at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Ma. 02145

A pre-bid meeting will be held at One Capen Court, Somerville,Ma 02145, Thursday April 27th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Brian Langton at 617-625-1152 ext.331 or by email at brianl@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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118-124 College Avenue (Case # PB2016-51). Lacourt Realty, LLC c/o Mouhab Rizkallah) seeks Design and Site Plan Review under Section 5.4 of the SZO for the purpose of merging 8 Kenwood Street, 14 Kenwood Street, 16 Kenwood Street, 18 Kenwood Street, 116 College Avenue and 118-124 College Avenue into one lot. RB zone. Ward 6.

46 Broadway (Case # PB 2017-07). Applicant, Taco Loco Mexican Grilled LLC, and Owner, 46-48 Broadway LLC, seek a special permit under §6.5.D.5.a of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to make façade alterations to the existing structure, a special permit under §6.5.D.6 for outdoor dining, and a special permit under §9.13 for parking relief. TOD-55 zone. Ward 1.

321 Somerville Avenue (Case # PB 2017-08). Applicant, Henry R. Lareau, Jr., and Owner, Sam C. Stamatos, Trustee of the 16 Bow Street Realty Trust, seek a special permit under \$6.1.22.D.5.a. of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to make façade alterations to the existing structure. CCD-55 zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX, ss

Docket No: MI17E0032PP

To: Harold E. Thidemann of Belmont in the County of Middlesex, Joy P. Schiff of Middleton in the County of Essex, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by, Karl Thidemann of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, representing that He holds as tenants in common 33.333% undivided part or share of certain land lying in Somerville, in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, and being a lot shown on "Plan of Land in Somerville" surveyed for Mather E. Hawes by Charles D. Elliott, surveyor, dated September 1892, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds at the end of Book 2177, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Mills Street, now Sargent Avenue, at the Cooper Estate and running northwesterly on said Sargent Avenue seventy-four and 4/10 (74.4) feet; thence the line turns and runs

Westerly thirteen and 19/100 (13.19) feet, thence the line runs Southwesterly twenty-six and 66/100 (26.66) feet; thence the line runs again

Southwesterly thirty-seven and 37/100 (37.37) feet to Mortimer Place; thence the line turns and runs

Southeasterly on Mortimer Place twenty-one and 79/100 (21.79) feet to the end of Mortimer Place; thence the line runs

Southwesterly on said Mortimer Place ten and 85/100 (10.85) feet to land now or late of Samuel T. Lawrence; thence the line runs

Southeasterly on said Lawrence land forty-eight and 5/10 (48.5) feet to the corner of land now or late of one Cooper and said Lawrence; thence the line turns and runs

Northeasterly on land now or late of said Cooper seventy-six and 55/100 (76.55) feet to the point of beginning. Containing according to said plan, 5859 square feet more or less.

Also all that parcel of land formerly used as a passageway in Mortimer Place, now discontinued and utilized by a block of houses fronting on Sargent Avenue, also all the right, title and interest in and to a small irregular shaped parcel conveyed by one Cliff to Nicholls by deed dated February 14, 1912, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Book 3670, Page 520, and shown as Lot 4 on plan recorded in said Registry end of Book 3670. This latter parcel is contiguous to the first and together both parcels have a total area according to the City Engineer of Somerville, of 6157 square feet. Together with such rights in, to and over Mortimer Place to Marshall Street.

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at private sale or Public auction, for not less than (\$3,000,000.00) THREE MILLION DOLLARS, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock, on the thirtieth day of May, **2017** the return date of this citation.

Witness, HONORABLE Edward F. Donnelly Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this eighteenth day of April, 2017

Tara E. De Christofaro Register of Probate Court

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 17-66

 $\label{lem:commercial} \textbf{Acquisition of Commercial Office Space by Lease for Police Station}$

The City of Somerville, acting through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for a lease of commercial space for use as a police substation serving the neighborhood of East Somerville.

A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 26, 2017</u>. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until <u>May 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.</u> at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The preferred space will located on lower Broadway in a highly visible location and be large enough to accommodate a vestibule, a conference room, and two offices and will include some off-street parking. The desired lease term is three years plus options to extend for up to two additional years. Lease start date shall be July 1, 2017.

Angela M. Allen Purchasing Director 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding 1) a proposal by Michael Santangelo: to demolish a c.1890 wood frame house at 150 Hudson Street; and 2) a proposal by LREM, LLC to demolish a c.1870 wood frame workers cottage at 27-31

The subject of the hearings will be a review of the initial determination by the HPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somer-

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inMOTION Wireless Inc. (inMOTION) proposes to construct two 65' monopole towers (74' overall) in Somerville, Middlesex County, MA. One tower at each of the following locations: 43 3rd Ave (Project 32082), 40 Joy St (Project 32084). Also proposed is one 70' monopole tower (74' overall) along Moosal PI (Project 32013).

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement, in MOTION is hereby notifying the public of the proposed undertaking and soliciting comments on Historic Properties which may be affected by the proposed undertaking. If you would like to provide specific information regarding potential effects that the proposed undertaking might have to properties that are listed on or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and located within 1/2 mile of the site, please submit the comments (with project number) to: RAMAKER, Contractor for inMOTION, 855 Community Dr, Sauk City, WI 53583 or via e-mail to history@ramaker.com within 30 days of this notice.

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Winter Hill Playground Community Meeting, April 26

Please join the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, and Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente, for the fourth in a series of community meetings to discuss upcoming renovations to the Winter Hill School Yard, on Wednesday, April 26, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Winter Hill Community Innovation School cafeteria, entrance on the Medford St. side. City staff will present the new schoolyard design and an update on field construction. Information from previous meetings is available at www.somervillema.gov/ winterhill. For more information, contact Luisa Oliveira at Loliveira@somervillema.gov.

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- 2. Water-displacing spray
- 8. Sauerkraut
- 3. The Moon
- The Rolling Stones
- 4. Fifth Avenue
- 10. Harry
- 5. Patience and Fortitude
- Where Eagles
- 6. Four, two on each of its feet
- Dare at 65 killings
- 12. Midnight Cowboy

Connor Garvey, Mara Levine, Terry Kitchen at Somerville Armory Cafe, Saturday May 6

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe presents a concert with Maine singer/songwriter Connor Garvey, New Jersey folksinger Mara Levine and Boston singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen on Saturday May 6. The concert will feature a solo set by each artist, followed by a round robin song swap. The show begins at 7:30 pm with a short open mic, and admission is \$10. The Armory Cafe is at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. For more information call 617-718-2191 or visit artsatthearmory.org or www.facebook.com/SomervilleSongwriterSessions. Email somervillesongwriter@gmail.com to reserve an open mic slot.

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe presents contemporary folk singer/songwriters in concert on the first Saturday of each

month. The Armory Cafe features live music in an intimate setting, a menu featuring sandwiches, soups, desserts and coffees, and plenty of free parking.



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Call for community benefits agreement to protect Union Square Community

Residents, workers and small business owners joined with State Reps. Denise Provost and Mike Connolly and Union United on Thursday, April 20, to call for Union Square developer US2 to affirm their commitment to negotiate a binding agreement with the community to address displacement concerns, including affordable housing, local jobs, workers' rights, small businesses, open space and other priorities.

"We need to figure out how to make sure that the people who are here can stay here," Provost said to the crowd of 30 who rallied outside the offices of US2 in Union Square. "We have an opportunity now to make sure that we have a strong community benefits agreement that really fights displacement; that doesn't just give lip service to fighting displacement; that provides for affordability; that provides for wages that people can live on."

US2's 2.3 million-square-foot de-

velopment will have a tremendous effect on low- and moderate-income community members, and the community has called for developers to negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement to address those issues.

"We've seen this kind of development in Boston, we've seen it in Cambridge, and the outcome all too often is that long-time residents, particularly renters, get pushed out of the community. The role of government is to ask how we can support the people who are living here right now," said Connolly. "My question to US2 is: what are you afraid

The event sent a clear message to US2 to meet with the community and show that they are planning to negotiate in good faith, as they said they would do in their covenant with Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

"I care what happens in Union Square like we all do, but sometimes we don't feel like we have a voice," said longtime resident Ann Camara, of Union United. "We care that there's affordable housing for everyone, that our residents and unions fill the jobs. Come to Union Square and tell the developer, US2, we want a CBA in good faith."

The coalition has a short window of time in which to bring the developer to the table. The Somerville Redevelopment Authority is preparing to sell the redevelopment parcels to US2 as soon as Thursday, April 27, and the Board of Aldermen is considering an ordinance that would divert control of community benefits funds to a city-appointed committee. Coalition members have sent postcards and made phone calls to Richard Stein and Jim Loewenberg, the developer's Chicago-based bosses, but have not received any response. With the voice of elected officials and community leaders behind them, Union United hopes to implement a new way of doing development, one in which affected community members have a seat at the table to negotiate for the benefits that are most needed.

— Union United

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the Week of the Young Child, visit www.naeyc.org/woyc.

President William A. White, Jr., has called for a Joint Meeting of the Board of Aldermen and School Committee, to be held as follows: TIME: Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 6:00 PM. LOCA-TION: Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. AGENDA: To review the financial condition of the city, revenue and expenditure forecasts, and other relevant information prepared by the Finance Director in order to develop a coordinated budget, pursuant to Ordinance 2-47. The Superintendent of **Schools** and the Finance Director shall be present at this meeting. The public is invited to attend. *****

President William A.

White, Jr., has called for a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, to be held as follows: TIME: Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 6:00 PM. LOCATION: Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. AGENDA: Joint session with the School Committee for a review of city finances prior to the FY 2018 budget process, pursuant to Ordinance 2-47. The public is invited to attend.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | April 26

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

Central Library

Teen Poster Making Contest for Earth Day and SustainaVille Week 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday April 27

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Friday April 28

Central Library

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

Central Library Teen Film and Discussion: The Lorax 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday April 29

Central Library

Yoga for Kids Ages 3-7 with Janine 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday May 1

Central Library

Sing Along 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday May 2

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday | May 3

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | April 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

Grateful Dead Residency

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road** Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night

8 p.m.| 379 Somerville Ave **Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

Horseshoes & Hand Grenades 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Acid Mothers Temple

8 p.m.|255 Elm St Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Freeway Revival Band 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday April 27

Sally O'Brien's Liz Morrison 7 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Tuesday Never Comes 8 p.m.

Chew Sun Young Dancehall Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road

Box of Birds & Paper Citizen (Indie

Rock/Folk) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Arto Lindsay **Beauty Pill**

Field Day, DJ Carbo spins at doors and in between sets for Fenway Recordinas

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Erlenmeyers

9 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

The Loop 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

R.D. King Debut Album Release 7:30

. 255 Elm St

Friday | April 28

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents \$10 cover

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: Lula Wiles and Robt Sarazin Blake & The Letters 7 p.m. Ripcord|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 247 P.A.'s Lounge

5 Watching It Burn Wetsuit Angels of Avalon Full Metal Rakket

8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's

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

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casev's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617-625-5195

Thunder Road Bella's Bartok (Circus Punk)8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Upper Crust

Benny Sizzler, Devil On Horseback

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Boycott!|6:30 p.m. Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band|8:30 p.m.

14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Matt & Ben 7 p.m. Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|10 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory No Man's Land Film Festival

7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday April 29

Sally O'Brien's Wooden Leg |6 p.m.

So Many Roads \$10 cover|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St On the Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Disco Saturdays @ Pop Icon Brunch Thunder Road|11 a.m Los Fletcheros (Pop/Rock)|8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave The Rockwell

The Eight Tracks | 3 p.m.

Matt & Ben|7 p.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|10 p.m.

255 Elm Street

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Madz & Luke|3p.m. Ms DJ Lotus 8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory CAC Spring Fling 12 p.m.|Performance Hall Guitar Stop Spring Recital All Ages

3 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Sunday April 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country &

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road 1980'S Pop Brunch: "I Wanna Brunch With Somebody"10 a.m. The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band|7 p.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Seven Times Salt|2 p.m. The Sky Comedy Show|7:30 p.m.

14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Sarah Hughes with very special guest

4 p.m.|Café Party for Tomorrow! 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

Highland Ave Monday | May 1

Anthony Coleman

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

Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session 9 p.m. Back Room Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Bleeker Beware Of Darkness

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Somerville Open Studios Kids' Show All day.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

8 p.m.|255 Elm St Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Sally O'Brien's Bar Yaman Akdogan Group with Grammy winner Oscar Stagnaro

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10

. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 PJ Ryan's

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Horisont

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Get Better - A Film About Frank Turner !!SOLD OUT!! 7 p.m.|Performance Hall

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Indie Trivia

Wednesday | May 3 Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

P.A.'s Lounge Kid Wolf Del & The Wave Alien Drag

TBA

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Grateful Dead Residency

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Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Cold Expectations

Happy Little Clouds, Uranium Daugh-

7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | April 26

Central Library Author Event: Master Thieves with Steve Kurkjian

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Mystery Book Club

Central Library

6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday April 27

Fair Housing Commission meeting

1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** FREE Yoga at the Library

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Stronger Together

Public Meeting on 640 Mystic Avenue 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

East Branch Library

40 College Ave

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

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

Saturday | April 29 **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 30 **Central Library**

1:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Korean Language Study Group

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

115 Broadway

Monday May 1 **East Branch Library** (Session 1)6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library** Chess Night

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | May 2

Central Library

Central Library

West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave Wednesday | May 3

GOP Committee Growth Meeting

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Left of the Left My Memories of Sam Dolgoff 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Income Inequality Reading Group 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday Night Series 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Badflower

Arts at the Armory

Smoke & Shadows

Figment Boston Jam Session at Aeronaut |6:30 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Tuesday | May 2

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Íazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room:

Open Mic Night

Bull McCabe's Pub

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

Pub Ouiz

Samba Bar & Grille

Thunder Road Thunder & Lightening Sessions 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Dirty Streets, Worshipper, Psychic Wounds

Reading with Words

14 Tyler Street

The Burren 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez - Funk & Soul

Thunder Road Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street *Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

The Council on Aging wants you! – The SCOA is supporting D.A. Marian Ryan's Project C.A.R.E. and Project Linus. Helping children of trauma have some comfort in their time of need by providing them with homemade blankets. Help us reach our goal of 200 blankets. Knitted, crochet or handmade fleece accepted. Please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and/or Caregivers 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

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

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. 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.

Make History with Somerville – Friday, April 28 – 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Come see how you can contribute to Somerville's 175th Anniversary. Nadia Dixon, City Archivist will join us for a brief discussion on this exciting celebration. Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Memory Café – Wednesday, May 3 – 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center – The café is geared towards individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's and their care partners as well as those who worry about memory problems. For additional information, contact Natasha or Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Gentle Movement Workshop – Monday, May 8 – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Contemporary dance artist Heather Stewart will lead a gentle movement workshop. Please sign up by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Storytelling through Art with Linda Cohen – Fridays, May 12, 19 and 26 – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Bring colored pencils. For additional information, questions or to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Women's Group – Starting Tuesday, May 16 - from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This group will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting in May. May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 20th – Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 to sign up. Space is limited.

Singer/Entertainer Tommy Rull – Tuesday, May 23rd - 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us for a musical journey through the years. Lunch will be served. RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Stayin Alive: Bee Gees Tribute – Tuesday, May 23 - \$83 per person includes transportation, lunch and show at the Danversport Yacht Club. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot please call Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Reminiscing Group – starting Friday, May 26 and running for 5 months on the fourth Friday, June 23, July 28, August 25 and September 22. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join the Reminiscing Group as we go back in time. To RSVP and join the fun please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext.

Union Square: The History of Somerville's Oldest Commercial District – Wednesday, May 31 – 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Slideshow and discussion about the economic history of Union Square. Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mohegan/Foxwoods – June 1st and 2nd - \$219 per person single and \$169 per person double – includes motorcoach transportation, one nights lodging and casino bonuses. Check in time is 7:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny on Thursday, June 1st with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2nd. For more information or to reserve your spot contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Tall Ships – Tuesday, June 20th - \$57 includes narrated tour along historical Boston Harbor and lunch at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. Check in time is 9:30 a.m. at Holland Street and 10:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 4:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve your spot contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. The Older American's Month Celebration scheduled for Monday, May 1st at the WHYC is SOLD OUT.

The trip to the Kentucky Derby scheduled for May 4th – 9th is SOLD OUT.

Mother's Day Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th is BOOK SOLID.

The day trip to the Lowell Spinners scheduled for Thursday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for September 24th – 20th is BOOK SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

The trip to NYC scheduled for December 8th, 9th and 10th is SOLD OUT. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Health & Wellness Fair – Thursday, April 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. For more information call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if

you should need additional information.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and 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. 2300.

2017 Advisory Dates – 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Holland St. July 10, October 16.

2017 Event Dates

April 27 – Health Fair @ Holland St. Center 4:30-6 p.m. June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m.

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Mondays:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

Every Monday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

Every Tuesday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Every Wednesday

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

Every Thursday

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Every Friday

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

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7:30am	Somerville Storytellers	8:00pm	(LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Science 360	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	The Struggle
11:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, A	pril 28	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
11:30am	Hello Neighbor!	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Start Up TV Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
1:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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4:00pm	Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution
5:00pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday	, May 2
5:30pm	Justicia Migrante	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
6:00pm	Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Art at SCAT
7:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SCOUTV	12:00pm		9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm		10:00am	Estoy Sano!
9:30pm	Beyond Boston	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	10:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast
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9:30am	Somerville Pundits	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm		4:30pm	The Struggle
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm		5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville	•	, ,		, ,	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) SCATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions	7:30pm	(LIVE) Greater Somerville
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8:00am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:00am		
9:00am	Congressional Update	12:16am	Gr	
9:30am	Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2017	1:42am		
10:07am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	2:13am	Serio	
12:00pm	School Commitee Meeting - 4.24.17	8:00am	Keep	
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3:00pm	Interfaith Panel Discussion	9:30am	Keep	
6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	10:04am		
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8:31pm	Parks & Recreation Fair	2:00pm		
9:01pm	Greek Independence Day	6:30pm	Serio	
9:18pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration	7:00pm		
11:00pm	Women's History Month Celebration	7:37pm		
Thursday	, April 27	7:50pm		
12:00am	Greek Independence Day	9:02pm		
12:16am	Greek Independence Day Celebration	10:00pm	Som	
1:42am	SomerViva em Português	10:20pm		
2:13am	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	11:00pm		
9:00am	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	Saturday,	April 2	
10:12am	Life Resurrected	12:00am	•	
11:03am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:31am		
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Learn to Live Your Life Well"	1:30am		
1:00pm	Connecting Communities	2:00am		
1:31pm	Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2017	9:00am		
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4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	12:00pm		
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Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE

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The Mayor's Report The Mayor's Report Life Resurrected Congressional Update Rally Point Interfaith Panel Discussion Congressional Update SomerViva em Português Rally Point SomerViva em Português Parks & Recreation Fair

8:30pm Cong. Michael Capuano Town SomerViva em Português 10:33pm Sunday, April 30 12:00am Life Resurrected 12:50am Somerville's 175th Birthday Celebration 1:10am Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan 1:40am Women's History Month Celebration 9:00am Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan 9:30am Mayor's Business Town Meeting 12:00pm Senior Circuit "Learn to Live Your Life Well" 1:00pm Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan 1:30pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte SomerViva em Português 2:00pm 2:30pm SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness 6:00pm Parks & Recreation Fair 6:30pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte 7:00pm Senior Circuit "Learn to Live Your Life Well" 7:39pm The Mayor's Report Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan 8:00pm 8:30pm Board of Aldermen Meeting Monday, May 1

Davis Sq. Neighborhood Meeting

Mayor's Business Town Meeting

Davis Sq. Neighborhood Meeting

Congressional Update

9:00am

9:31am

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12:00am Senior Circuit "Learn to Live Your Life Well" 12:39am Somerville's 175th Birthday Celebration 1:00am Maura Healey Town Hall Rally Point 2:30am 8:00am Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults

Rally Point Women's History Month Celebration Board of Aldermen Meeting Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan Upcoming Meeting Agenda School Committee Meeting - LIVE Congressional Update

Tuesday, May 2 Cong. Michael Capuano Town 12:00am 2:03am Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2017 2:40am The Mayor's Report 3:00am Davis Sq. Neighborhood Meeting Mayor's Business Town Meeting 9:00am 12:00pm Senior Circuit "Learn to Live Your Life Well" 1:00pm Davis Sq. Neighborhood Planning Meeting 3:00pm SomerViva em Português 6:00pm Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2017 6:37pm Talking Business "Chill Ville" 7:00pm Senior Circuit "Learn to Live Your Life Well" 7:39pm Congressional Update Rally Point 8:08pm School Committee Meeting - 5.1.17

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Educational

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9:00am	2017 Youth Peace Conference			
11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17			
11:30am	SHS Girls Basketball Highlights 2016-17			
12:00pm	2017 SCAP Annual Meeting			
2:00pm	Our Schools, Our City Student Leaders			
2:30pm	SHS Volleyball vs Haverhil			
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS			
4:00pm	2017 Youth Peace Conference			
6:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17			
6:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball Highlights 2016-17			
7:00pm	SHS Volleyball vs Haverhil			
8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS			
9:00pm	Our Schools, Our City Student Leaders			
9:59pm	2017 SCAP Annual Meeting			
Thursday, April 27				

Wednesday, April26

7:00pm

12:00am SHS Volleyball vs Haverhill 1:00am SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17 4:00am Public Domain Theater 9:00am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Kennedy School 9:30am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School 10:00am Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS 11:00am SHS Career & Technical Education Fair 12:00pm 2017 Youth Peace Conference 2:00pm SHS Volleyball vs Haverhill 3:00pm SHS Girls Basketball Highlights 2016-17 Our Schools, Our City - Student Leaders 3:30pm 4:00pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - Kennedy School

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Saturday, April 29 12:00am

4:30pm

SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17 12:30am SHS Girls Basketball Highlights 2016-17 SHS Volleyball vs Haverhill 1:00am Public Domain Theater 2:00am

Boys Indoor Soccer Finals 2017 SHS Spring Concert 11:00am 1:00pm Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017 2:30pm Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance 2017 Youth Peace Conference 3:00pm Boys Indoor Soccer Finals 2017 5:00pm 7:00pm SHS Spring Concert 9:00pm Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017 Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance 10:30pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS 11:00pm

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Somerville poet Anna M. Warrock writes *The Times*: The title of my new book, *From the Other Room*, comes from a dream. That poem relates only part of the dream. Once I began to follow the characters and give them text and a description, the poem took on its own life. The book won the annual Slate Roof Press Chapbook Award (www.SlateRoofPress.com). This is



also a dream poem and the first poem in the book. Dreams are very flexible. For me, tuning in to their suggestive nature is a fruitful stimulus for writing.

In Real Life, They Are Dead

My mother and sisters

wave from the window of the train.

They smile, almost laughing,

and nod at one another. They look out

at me on the platform

and wave again.

The train goes, sounding just like a train.

The clacking begins, the chrome lines blur, and this departing happiness stays with me, like some treasure of the first time, the first time I knew,

I was really alive
among people and birds,
the white lilies
and white chrysanthemums.

— Anna M. Warrock

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'From the Other Room'

by Anna M. Warrock

From the Other Room by Anna M. Warrock (Slate Roof 2017)

The first thing I noticed about Somerville, Ma. poet Anna. M. Warrock's new collection of poetry From the Other Room was the physical book itself. Usually, I merely glance at a book cover, but this was like love at first sight; I stopped to admire its simple beauty. The craftsmanship was at such a level that it reminded of the many finely crafted books put out by Gary Metras' Adastra Press that – like Slate Roof – is located in Western, Massachusetts. Slate Roof is a small, collaborative press that published art-quality poetry books – the poetry that is between the covers in this case is more than worthy of its design.

I am in my early sixties so I can easily identify with what Warrock writes about. As the acclaimed poet Martin Espada opined, "Warrock speaks the the language of grief with eloquence and courage. She understands that experience of death changes the experience of life." It usually takes someone with a little mileage to crack this nut open to the readers.

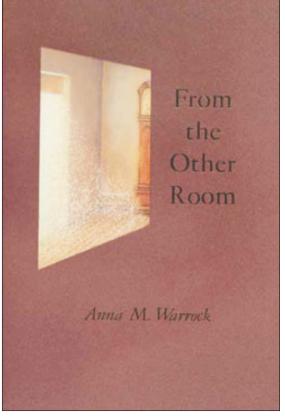
In her poem *Spring's Lament* the poet looks at a greening April tree, and sees the dark shadows below the nascent leaves. She understand how life and death are close dance partners, and indeed there may be a welcoming balm, and some forgiveness under Spring's incessant bloom,

So a tree turns green and green and green. Then there's the shade.

I will not let go of that, the shadow under the tree, dark, deep and forgiving.

Forgiven. That's what I mean, forgiven. (2)

Warrock captures a strikingly beautiful moment in the poem *Looking into her Death*. This is when a young girl (Warrock, I assume) looks into her mother's hidden cupboard, and sees the luminous glasses on the shelf in a lineup of sorrow, waiting to be poured, to forestall their own demise – a perfect metaphor of absence – for loss – for death...

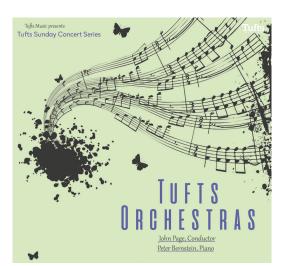


... The glasses, stacked neatly, become luminous on the shelves. By opening the door, I shed light on their curves, their brittleness. They are so clear I can see the dust caught on their transparent sides. Standing there, I realize they are waiting. The glasses do not know my mother is dead, so they wait for hands to take them down, fill them with beer or juice or milk. Then her hands will wash them, her hands will put them away. "She is dead," I say softly, "she is dead."

Warrock has long been on the Boston area poetry scene. Her poems have appeared in the *Harvard Review, The Madison Review* and elsewhere. Her poems have been performed at the Boston Hayden Planetarium, and permanently installed in a Boston area subway station. The reader gets the whole package here, the beautiful physical book and the poems (to use a cliché) ... at times left me breathless.

Tufts Sunday Concert Series – Tufts Orchestras

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Tufts Sunday Concert Series with Tufts Symphony Orchestra and Tufts Chamber Orchestra under the direction of John Page, in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 3 p.m. Tufts Symphony Orchestra and Tufts Chamber Orchestra present a concert under the direction of John Page. Works include Tchaikovsky's Serenade, Dvorák's Symphony No. 7, and the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concert in A minor, featuring concerto competition winner Peter Bernstein.



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