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## City call for improved accessibility at Union Square Green Line station



City officials are concerned about accessibility issues with the current GLX Union Square station.

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By Jim Clark

A resolution was put forward at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville City Council calling for improved accessibility at the forthcoming Union Square Green Line Station.

The initial sponsor, Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, spoke in favor of the resolution saying, "For those who don't know, currently the access to the Union Square station is from the north. It's from the corner of Prospect Street and something called Bennett Court, which is basically where the old radiator shop was. So for anyone coming from Cambridge or Inman Square, when you get to the top of Prospect Street, according to the current proposal you'll be able to take a staircase down that's being built by the private developer. But if you can't take stairs, whether that's a stroller or you have mobility issues, you'll have to go — according to my analysis on Google Maps

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## Free showing of opioid epidemic documentary in Somerville

The Alex Foster Foundation, along with the Somerville Department of Health and Human Services and the Somerville Office of Prevention, is sponsoring a free showing of the award-winning documentary *Runnin'* at Somerville Theatre on Monday April 15.

*Runnin'* takes an intimate look at a group of friends who came of age as an epidemic took hold and morphed into a national nightmare. The film goes inside a tight-knit community just outside Boston grappling with the crisis. It retraces the lives of friends lost, and one last member of the group struggling to avoid the fate of his boyhood pals.

When the phone rang at 1:32 a.m. on January 9, 2014, at the Foster home on Lexington Ave in Somerville, it was the emergency room doctor telling Maureen her son, Alex, was in serious condition at the Somerville Hospital E.R. and she should come there immediately. Alex, the 28-year-old son of Mike and Maureen Foster, died of an overdose after

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## RUNNIN'

A circle of friends. An American epidemic.



The documentary *Runnin'* provides an unfiltered view of the opioid crisis and the toll it has taken in the lives of many Somerville victims.

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The first week of the **Ball Square bridge** being closed has passed, and various shops and restaurants tell us that business is still good. One told us they broke a record for Saturday afternoon. But several local eateries are depending on you to continue stopping in and having a great breakfast or lunch. Whether it's **Ball Square Café, Sound Bites, Kelly's Diner, or Victor's Deli** – which everyone loves – please don't forget them. Business will be rough, but each place in Ball Square has loyal dedicated customers who need to keep coming back. Don't forget the many other businesses in Ball Square either. So far, as we are located here in Ball Square (the newspaper) traffic hasn't been that bad!

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

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We are hearing a lot of concerns about the **City Council** and their questioning of those that are being

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: *City passes Condo Conversion Ordinance increasing tenant rights*

**wow** says:

Wow. You're expected to make a decision 5 years prior to a conversion? And 1 year when the unit is already vacant? Totally outrageous. The city has made it clear over and over again that they don't want long-time residents here. They want transient millenials who will vote for whatever crackpot scheme the city puts before them. Where are our property rights? Why does a property owner need to pay relocation costs of \$10,000? When you buy property you are taking a risk. When you rent property you are taking a risk. Nothing is forever and nothing is guaranteed. I hope someone takes this to court.

**Matt C** says:

I can understand the reasoning behind many of the proposed rules though i don't agree with them all. What I don't understand is the rule to require 12 months of “notice” on a vacant unit. Why would we want units to be unoccupied any longer than necessary?

**Jim** says:

As a renter, I think this is awesome!!

I've seen too many hard working tenants kicked out on their a\$\$ w/o any recourse by greedy landlords. Also, the compensation for tenants who are forced to move is great. Many people can't come up with first/last/security to move in addition to the moving expenses which can easily get up to 2k, even for a local move. The compensation allows people to move w/o going deep into debt. Somerville is a city of renters, renters vote and when people get pushed too hard by the landlord class, they push back.

**Magic Mike** says:

Like most things, renting has positives and negatives. Just like owning does. It seems like renters want all the benefits of renting (flexibility to move, no maintenance costs etc), but now want none of the drawbacks as well. Owning a home is itself a risk – if the area goes down the plughole. Then there are maintenance costs.I own a condo in Somerville and the maintenance costs in the last 5 years are quite substantial – new oil tank \$3500, new water heater \$1500, painting the exterior \$14,000 (shared 50%), new step masonry work, \$2000, new back door to basement \$1000. That's \$15,000 in 5 years. Renters already had a lot of protections. I think these rules are way over the top. The notice period for vacant units makes no sense. Also, the right to buy is illusory – if they could afford to buy they wouldn't be renting!

**Old Taxpayer** says:

I worked hard to own my 2 family house, I do not need anyone telling me what I can or cannot do with my property. Which is why I have not rented since I bought it. There are quite a few more here in Somerville not renting so they don't have to deal with this. It is my property and my choice what to do. Not the city.

**Hughes** says:

Congratulations. The Board has just guaranteed that fewer rental units will come on the market.

**John Sloansky** says:

This is just the first steps towards brining back rent control. Watch as it's only whispers now, but they can't help themselves with the over reaching.

I also own a 2 family and have not rented out the 1 bedroom on going on 4 years. And .... now never will (I don't need the money), so one less unit for “renters” here. If my kids can't utilize it then I ain't renting it out and having the city get their grubby hands on controlling it. I will never condo it, so this policy makes no difference to me.

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John Connolly

Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

# My dad's car



The nicer weather reminds me of the family car trips we took as kids. Dad had lots of cars but the first one I remember was his blue '53 Chevy.

The vehicles back then were heavy duty steel machines. I can still hear the solid sound of those big doors closing. American craftsmanship at its finest.

The only plastic in Dad's rolling fortress was the St. Christopher's statue on the dashboard.

Our father's cars were huge, and spacious behemoths from Detroit! The back seat was like a living room. Remember climbing over the seat to get from the front to the back or sitting on dad's lap while he was driving? The steering wheel was as big as the tires!

I vividly remember my dad driving, and my sister and I standing up on the front seat right next to him. We could

hardly see over the dashboard or through windshield.

Part of the standard equipment for the 1953 Chevrolet and other cars of that era was the ... Extendo-Arm feature. That was when dad's arm came reaching out of nowhere every time the car stopped, or if there was impending danger up ahead. Dad's arm created a protective block to keep his precious tiny toddlers intact. Not really a safe practice by any means, but dad's Extendo-Arm never failed.

As the weather improved, the wicker picnic basket and aluminum drink cooler came out. Mom packed baloney and cheese sandwiches in Reynolds Wrap, filled the cooler with Zarex or Hawaiian Punch and off we went.

One of my family's favorite outing destinations was Norumbega Park in the Auburndale section of Newton. They featured pedal boats, picnic groves, a zoo, amusement rides, and penny arcades. Everything a family could ask for. It was



also the site of the Totem Pole Ballroom where all the hot big bands played in the 40's and 50's. I remember many family picnics at Norumbega Park. It's now the site of a Marriott Hotel, but there is still water and woods on the grounds.

Dad eventually picked up a 1962 Rambler station wagon, smaller but still solid. That car brought us to the Meadow Glen and Wellington Drive-Ins. We always went in our

pajamas. I never remembered the ride home though. Dad and mom had to carry us into the house.

When my baby brother was old enough to stand up and join my sister and I on the front seat, dad had to upgrade to the Deluxe model super-duper Extendo-Arm!

Those days of cruising to fun places with mom and dad and the family in his big tanks have a very special place in my heart. I'd

give anything to feel the security of my fathers' strong arm today.

Even in these days of advanced automobile safety, I've inherited Extendo-Arm. Anytime I have to stop short and there's someone in the passenger seat, out comes the arm. A passed down trait I guess.

Although there were no seatbelts or air bags in the early days of family cruising, we did have a version of AAA, sort of. Arm Always Alert.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Woman insists on party at knife point

A Somerville Police officer was dispatched to a Canal Street location last week on reports of an assault of a woman by her friend.

Upon arrival, the officer spoke to the involved party, identified as Brittany Tisdell, who reportedly stated that she was at her friend's house when the two got into an argument and that her friend began to repeatedly punch her in the face.

Tisdell also reportedly stated that her friend picked up a wine glass containing wine and threw it at her, striking her in the face.

The officer did note, however, that Tisdell did not have any visible injuries to her face and that she was checked out by EMS and refused any medical attention. Tisdell also did not appear

to have any wine stains or liquid on her clothing, contrary to her statement that she was hit with a glass of wine.

Tisdell appeared to be under the influence of alcohol, according to the officer, as her speech was slightly slurred and the smell of alcohol emanating from her breath was noticed.

When Tisdell was asked what the argument was about, she reportedly said that her friend had wanted to get some cocaine and when they were unable to, her friend got mad and began assaulting her.

The officer then spoke to the friend of Tisdell, the alleged victim, who reportedly told the officer that on this evening Tisdell had come over to her apartment where the two were going to have

dinner and were drinking wine. Tisdell then allegedly began to argue with the victim because she wanted to invite friends over to the apartment.

The victim stated that she didn't want anybody else over because she had a seven month old baby there. Tisdell allegedly continued to insist on inviting people there because she wanted to use cocaine.

After numerous instances of insisting on inviting people over, the victim reportedly told Tisdell that it was time for her to leave. This angered Tisdell and she stated that she wasn't going to leave.

The victim then reportedly attempted to guide Tisdell outside of her apartment, at which time she allegedly picked up a glass of

wine and threw it in the direction of the victim, possibly striking her.

Tisdell then reportedly took the victim's cell phone and threw it in the kitchen sink, and then grabbed a large knife from the kitchen sink and approached the victim in a manner that made her fear for her safety and the safety of her child.

The victim then reportedly slapped the knife out of Tisdell's hand and the two began to wrestle to the floor. Tisdell was able to get up and went into the room where the infant was laying. At this point the victim ran into the hall way and yelled out "call the police" to an unknown individual who was walking in the hallway.

The victim was then able to

push Tisdell out of her apartment and she threw her belongings into the hallway.

The victim had minor scrapes on her wrists that she stated she sustained when she was attempting to get Tisdell out of her apartment.

The victim refused any medical attention, and it was noted that she stated that her infant was located in the bedroom during the incident and the infant appeared to be in a safe environment.

Tisdell was placed under arrest and charged with one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. She was subsequently transported to Somerville Police Headquarters.

The kitchen knife was confiscated, tagged and placed into evidence.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

**Lawrence Polindor**, of 61 Tufts St., March 25, 7:20 a.m., arrested at Tufts St. on warrant charges of miscellaneous equipment violation, obstructed non-transparent window, and

operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Matthew Henebury**, of 70 Boston St., March 26, 4:40 p.m., arrested at Beacon St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering and lar-

ceny from a building.

**Brittany Tisdell**, of 70 Boston St., March 26, 9:38 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

**David Norris**, of 222 Frank-

lin St., Melrose, March 29, 2:20 a.m., arrested at Bow St. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**John Elwell**, of 27 Vernon St., Malden, March 31, 12:12 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of receiving stolen property under \$1200 and removal of theft prevention device.

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## City calls for improved accessibility at Union Square Green Line station

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– an additional 850 feet, which Councilor Niedergang reminded me is almost three football fields out of your way, just to reach the station."

Ewen-Campen went on to say, "So this is something that I think there's really no one involved that sees this as a good idea. Last night I was at a neighborhood meeting hosted by the Union Square Neighborhood Council, where both the Council and the developer really both strongly feel that for this to be a successful station, and a successful development in Union Square, you want access for people coming from the south.

"Ideally, you want access from the south, from Boynton Yards," according to Ewen-Campen.

"You don't want people to have to walk all the way into Union Square. But just at the most basic level, this is an ADA accessibility issue, and we've been told repeatedly that we're not going to see any changes to any of these designs that aren't cost-neutral. And I just think it's important that we continue to hammer away at this, because this is really just a basic issue of accessibility and fairness. That we're asking people with mobility issues to travel almost three football fields to access the same train station."

The full text of the resolution reads as follows:

"WHEREAS: The 2019 Accountability Report "Assessing the MBTA's Progress on the Strategic Plan," prepared by the

Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, found significant shortcomings in the MBTA's progress towards its stated goal of expanding accessibility across the MBTA system; and

"WHEREAS: Construction on the long-awaited Green Line Extension station in Union Square is slated to begin soon, marking a critical moment in the long-sought goal of providing high-quality public transportation options to the area, a goal for which Somerville and Cambridge have invested \$50 million and \$25 million, respectively; and

"WHEREAS: The current station design in Union Square continues to raise serious concerns regarding accessibility for those people approaching from

points South, including from Cambridge; and

"WHEREAS: The current station planning process is complicated by the involvement of the GLX Project Team, GLX Constructors and a private developer (US2), the latter of which has agreed to provide a staircase, but not an elevator, from the top of Prospect St, directly down to the station; and

"WHEREAS: Any person unable to use this proposed staircase would have to walk approximately 850 additional feet (the length of almost three football fields) in order to access the station's at-grade entrance at Bennett Court & Prospect; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Somerville City Council urges Mass-

DOT, the City of Somerville, and the private developer US2, to work collaboratively with residents and community groups to improve the accessibility of the Union Square GLX Station for people with mobility impairments; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, MBTA GLX Project Program Manager John Dalton, Governor Charles D. Baker, and the Somerville delegation in the State Legislature, on behalf of the Somerville City Council."

The resolution was unanimously approved by the City Council.

# City officials work to help children with autism

By Jackson Ellison

The City of Somerville is looking for ways to help children with autism feel more comfortable both in the community and in public schools. The city is also trying to help first responders have better interactions when it comes to interacting with a person with autism while responding to an emergency call.

The Public Health and Public Safety Committee met on Monday, April 1, to discuss these topics with the Chief of Police David Fallon and the Director of Health and Human Services Doug Kress.

Chief Fallon says that police cadets, when going through the police academy receive 12 hours of training on mental health, three hours of which are dedicated to autism. “We’re really emphasizing to our officers that you don’t have to take over these situations, your mindset should be let’s communicate,” said Fallon.

There is a system set in place where people can voluntarily give information to the police department that a person in

the household has autism, so responding officers can have an idea of what some of the triggers are for the person, before arriving on the scene.

Besides teaching first responders how to respond to a person with autism, the city and the police department are also trying to help people with autism become more comfortable with police officers. Chief Fallon says there is a program called STEPS that focuses on police officers interacting with kids in grade school, and he thinks the program should be expanded to officers having more comfortable interactions with children with autism.

An issue brought up during the meeting was that information for parents of children with autism is not readily available. People often have to do all the research themselves, which can be very confusing and unclear. So parents asked that the city take steps to make information easier to find.

A problem the schools are facing when it comes to helping children with autism is not



The Somerville City Council's Public Health and Public Safety Committee took up the issue of better serving the needs of those suffering from autism.

having the right amount of resources available for both the kids and the parents. Parents who spoke at the committee meeting brought up that while some teachers have been good for their kids, others didn’t really know how to help.

Parents also took issue with the

fact that there are no recreational sports or activities offered by the City of Somerville available to children with autism. Parents discussed how the city should sponsor events that meet the sensory needs of children with autism, for example renting out a community pool and having a swim day.

The Public Health and Public Safety Committee now plans to move forward by establishing more meetings, to figure out how to help children with Autism more and to start setting events to help with children feel like they are a part of the Somerville community.

## Free showing of opioid epidemic documentary in Somerville

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suffering through nine years of Opioid addiction before his parents arrived that night.

Somerville, like so many towns in Massachusetts, had been hit hard by what now had become a national epidemic. To date in Somerville there have been over 30 overdose deaths just in Alex Foster’s circle of friends from school and childhood.

“We’ve chosen a path of advocacy to honor our son,” remarked Mike. “Our plan was to be open and out in front of the stigma and social pressure associated with addiction. We refused to hide it.”

In 2015, the Fosters, with the help of family and friends, started their 501-C3 charity, The Alex Foster Foundation (AFF).

“Our foundation exists to educate and raise awareness of the opioid epidemic, and to help substance users as well as their families and loved ones” explained Mike.

“We have been able become an annual benefactor of the CASPAR Emergency Care Center on Albany Street in Cambridge, where Alex spent a lot of time. The facility was built on the MIT campus on land donated by the school”, Maureen added.

AFF also offers a community service with the hosting of their GRASP grief support group that meets monthly at Col-

umn Health in Davis Square. GRASP is a national organization that supports local chapters with structure, materials and social media. GRASP stands for Grief Support after a Substance Passing.

*"Communities all over the country are losing friends and family members to this crisis at a terribly high rate"*

“The GRASP website is powerful and every month it directs many new people to us who are seeking support and understanding” Maureen explained. “I am sorry to say that the turnout has been very good. The topics we discuss in group sessions are specific to a substance use loss which makes the meetings different from other grief support groups. The feedback we receive from members indicates other grief support groups may not always understand substance use and the complicated grief this loss creates.”

Maureen also devised a Backpack Program that makes backpacks filled with things you need when you are homeless, available

to anyone in need and distributed by CASPAR.

While Alex Foster was battling addiction, Alex Hogan, another young man in the circle of friends from Somerville, was involved with trying to build his career at Stat News.

STAT is a health-oriented news website launched on November 4, 2015, by John W. Henry, the owner of *The Boston Globe*, Boston Red Sox, etc. It is produced by Boston Globe Media and is headquartered in the Globe's own building in Boston. Its executive editor is Rick Berke, who formerly worked at both the *New York Times* and *Politico*.

Alex was part of the generation being swallowed up by the opioid crisis in Somerville, but somehow had not stepped into the world of OxyContin like so many of his boyhood friends.

“I remember him telling me when he called to ask me if we might be willing to participate in the *Runnin'* documentary. Its inception and how he had come to be the Director sounds almost scripted,” recalled Mike. “He said that while working at STAT he was often taking time off to attend wakes and funerals. When someone asked why he had been attending so many funerals, the answer made it clear to Berke and others that there was a story here that needed to



Former opioid addict Marky Pantanella, featured in the documentary *Runnin'*. — Photo courtesy of STAT

be told to everyone.”

Alex Hogan explains, “In 2016, 64,000 people in the U.S. died from drug overdoses. That number was driven largely by an epidemic of opioid abuse. Communities all over the country are losing friends and family members to this crisis at a terribly high rate. I know this firsthand, because I grew up in one of these places: Somerville, Massachusetts. I began thinking about how to tell the story of what happened to my circle of friends, and that turned into *Runnin'*, our award-winning documentary.”

The Alex Foster Foundation sincerely hopes you will consider joining them for this event.

So many lives have been altered by opioid addiction and the chaos it reaps. Many people think that addiction is not a social topic they need to be concerned with because it will not ever affect themselves or their loved ones. However, one in ten people in the United States are either involved with opioids or know someone that is.

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local legislators’ votes on roll calls from the week March 25-29.

**\$8 MILLION FOR FAMILY PLANNING PROVIDERS (H3638)**

House 140-14, Senate 33-5, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill to provide up to \$8 million for family planning providers. The Trump administration recently announced it would no longer direct federal funds which support family planning services for low-income residents, toward any clinic that provides, refers or offers counseling on abortions. The \$8 million would be used to replace whatever funding Massachusetts clinics lose under the new Trump rule which also faces a legal challenge from 21 states, including Massachusetts, but will go into effect in May if it is not blocked in court.

“Once again, where Washington falls short, we in the commonwealth are ready and willing to step up and fill the needed gap,” said House Ways and Means Committee Chair Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston). “We cannot allow people’s health care to be put at risk because of the narrow-minded politics of the Trump administration. Today, we are taking the first step to put a stop to this.”

Michlewitz noted that an estimated 75,000 Massachusetts residents, most of whom earn less than \$30,000 a year, would be impacted by the cut in federal funding.

“This action by the House is nothing but a giveaway of our tax dollars to the abortion business,” said Chanel Prunier, executive director of the Renew Massachusetts Coalition which opposes the funding. “The CEO of Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts makes over \$250,000 annually, and they spend millions each year on political advocacy and campaign efforts. So why are our taxes making up for their funding shortfall?”

(A “Yes” vote is for the \$8 million. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

**BAN CONVERSION THERAPY FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 (S 2187)**

Senate 34-0, approved a bill that would prohibit psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care providers from attempting to change the sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of anyone under 18. Conversion therapy exposes the person to a stimulus while simultaneously subjecting him or her to some form of discomfort. The therapy is primarily used to try to convert gays and lesbians to be straight. The House has approved its own version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

Both branches approved a similar bill last year but it never made it to Gov. Baker’s desk. “If a conversion therapy bill gets to my desk and we don’t see any other issues with it, it’s something we’d be inclined to support,” Baker said recently.

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

“We have a responsibility to ensure a safe and supportive

environment for all young people,” said Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford), the Senate sponsor of the bill. “Seeking to force a child to change one’s identity or orientation at such a vulnerable point in their young lives inflicts significant harm and is no less than child abuse.”

Shortly after the vote, the Human Rights Campaign tweeted, “Victory: the Massachusetts Senate just voted to protect #LGBTQ youth from the dangerous and debunked practice of so-called ‘conversion therapy.’”

“This [is] an appalling assault on parental rights in the commonwealth,” said the president of the Massachusetts Family Institute Andrew Beckwith who opposes the ban. “[Some] legislators apparently believe that parents should not be able to get gender-confused children any treatment, even counseling, that might help them avoid cross-sex hormone injections, sterility or ‘transition’ surgery.”

Five senators voted “present” rather than for or against the bill. “We want to be clear that we do not support conversion therapy or any other type of coercive therapy that purports to change a person’s sexuality or gender identity,” said Sen. Vinny deMacedo (R-Plymouth). “If there were evidence of these practices taking place in Massachusetts, we would wholeheartedly support banning them. However, we have serious concerns about the way this legislation infringes on the constitutional rights of licensed professionals to provide mental health counseling and talk therapy using the knowledge, judgment and expertise that they have acquired through years of study and practice. The vague wording of the legislation provides too much room for interpretation in an area that requires caution and precision from government intervention. By voting ‘present’ we hoped to register our concerns while making it clear that these types of coercive therapies have no place in the commonwealth.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the ban).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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**CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THERAPY BAN (S 2187)**

Senate 6-32, rejected a proposal asking the Supreme Judicial Court to advise the Senate on whether the therapy ban is constitutional. The court would be asked if the bill violates the provisions of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by violating the right of free speech of professional counselors; the constitutional rights of parents; or the constitutional or statutory rights of privacy or patient confidentiality.

Supporters of asking the court about the constitutionality of the therapy ban said they support the conversion therapy ban but are concerned that the ban is likely to be challenged. They believe the Senate should get an opinion before the challenge in order to ensure the bill doesn’t get delayed.

“We are confident that the pending bill is constitutional,” said Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem) who opposed getting the court’s opinion. “It relies on well-established authority of the state to regulate professional conduct.”

(A “Yes” vote is for getting a court opinion. A “No” vote is against getting it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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**REMOVE CAP ON WELFARE BENEFITS FOR KIDS (S 2186)**

Senate 37-1, approved a bill that repeals the current law that denies an additional \$100 per month in welfare benefits to children conceived while—or soon after—the family began receiving welfare benefits or, if they had received family welfare benefits in the past. The law was adopted in 1995 as part of a welfare reform package that was aimed at discouraging families already receiving public support from having more children. The House has approved its own version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

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

“I have heard countless personal accounts from many families who are hurt by this cap on kids,” said Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett), the Senate sponsor of the proposal. “Because their benefits are so low, parents with ‘capped’ children struggle to meet their families’ basic needs. For instance, they often can’t pay for enough diapers to keep their child clean, dry and healthy. And they are forced to make painful choices about which necessities they can afford. We know that it’s time to take action to repeal this outdated, ineffective and unjust policy, and show that we value all children equally, regardless of the circumstances of their birth.”

“I think it’s unfair to ask the constituents back home to pay for a benefit for others that they don’t get themselves,” said Sen. Don Humason (R-Westfield), the only opponent of the bill. He said the Legislature should have a big heart and take care of people but noted he also needs to listen to his constituents who tell him they are having a difficult time making ends meet and are limiting the number of children they have. He said his constituents tell him they are not eligible for any welfare benefits but are forced to pay these benefits for others who decide to have more children.

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

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

The Transportation Committee held a hearing on several bills last week including:

**IT’S A PEDESTRIAN (H 3626)** – Considers a person using a non-motorized vehicle who is crossing the roadway in a marked crosswalk where traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation, a pedestrian. Non-motorized vehicles include bicycles, scooters, roller blades, roller skates and skateboards.

“In the past two decades, Massachusetts has created miles of long, linear parks that are beloved by people who are walking, jogging and on bicycles,” said the bill’s sponsor Rep. Tommy Vitolo (D-Brookline). “Where these parks are divided by roads, unsignalized crosswalks are relied upon. [This bill] aligns the law with current safe practices—that all park users are expected to use the crosswalk safely, and all people driving are expected to yield to those in the crosswalk.”

**BAN HAND-HELD CELL**

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# Somerville celebrates Week of the Young Child

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, children and teachers from childcare, preschool, and kindergarten programs across the city will gather at Somerville’s City Hall for a day of celebration and civic engagement as part of the national Week of the Young Child.

Somerville’s youngest residents will be joined by local dignitaries and early education leaders from around the state, to celebrate young children and the important role that early education plays in preparing our youngest learners for a lifetime of success.

More than 200 young children are expected to descend on City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on April 10 for a special event that will include singing in multiple languages, touring various city hall offices to learn about city management, participating in a civic engagement activity, and being part of a proclamation reading by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. The festivities begin in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Students have been researching and developing projects that demonstrate ways to make Somerville a kind and fair city, in response to a letter from Mayor Curtatone in which he asks for their input on how we can make

Somerville “...a kind and fair place for everyone.”

Students will present their projects to the Mayor at the April 10th event, after which the children’s work will be on display at City Hall. As part of their planning and research, students read this year’s Social Story, *I Live Here in Somerville*, also available in Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole at: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/woyc](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/woyc).

“This is an event that children and adults look forward to for weeks! By writing to the children, the mayor engages our youngest community members in a conversation about their place in the world and how to make it better for everyone,” stated Somerville Public Schools Early Education Director, Dr. Lisa Kuh. “Through their research and project work, children are engaging in interesting, inquiry-based curriculum, and thinking deeply with peers and teachers. They are also discovering how learning contributes to society. This is how we build an engaged and inclusive community – by putting children at the center of our work and celebrating them as contributing members of our community.”

The event at City Hall be-



The national Week of the Young Child will be celebrated at Somerville City Hall on Wednesday, April 10.

gins at 10:00 a.m. with music as Maura Mendoza-Quiroz, Language and Leadership Liaison for the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative, leads children in a multilingual medley of songs to set the tone for an active morning of learning and social justice.

Somerville High School Career and Technical Education students from the early educa-

tion program will be sharing their children’s “Bill of Rights.” Preschool students will again have an opportunity to take part in a special art project, courtesy of The Beautiful Stuff Project. Children will also be using Somerville vintage voting machines to cast their votes on the best ways to be kind and fair.

The National Association for the Education of Young Chil-

dren (NAEYC) designates a week in April every year as the Week of the Young Child to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families. This year’s Week of the Young Child is April 8-12. Communities all around the country will be celebrating young children throughout the week with a variety of special events.

## Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Vegetable Ragu

Here’s a great recipe for meatless Monday. Packed with sweet and savory flavors that go well with spaghetti squash or pasta. The different textures will leave you truly satisfied with this vegetarian knock off of a meat filled ragu.

- 5-6 Large Portobello Mushrooms  
1/2” Dice
- 3 Tablespoons Olive Oil, divided
- 1 Medium Sweet Onion, 1/4” dice
- 4 Celery Stalks, 1/4” dice
- 3 Medium or 2 Large Carrots,  
1/4” dice
- 3 Medium Garlic Cloves, sliced
- 2 Tablespoons Tomato Paste
- 1/2 Teaspoon Dried Thyme
- 1/2 Teaspoon Dried Basil
- 1 Teaspoon Red Wine Vinegar
- 1/2 Cup Water
- 1/3 Cup Sun Dried Tomatoes in  
Olive Oil
- Salt & Pepper to Taste
- Pinch Red Hot Pepper Flakes,  
(optional)

Add 2 tablespoons olive oil to a

heavy bottomed pot. Add the mushrooms and a pinch of salt. Cook on medium heat until, occasionally stirring the mushrooms until all the juices dry up and the mushrooms brown, about 15 minutes. Remove the mushrooms and set aside.

Add the other tablespoon of olive oil and add the onion, celery, and carrots along with a pinch of salt and sauté for 10 minutes on medium/low heat. Add the garlic and stir for 30 seconds. Stir in the tomato paste along with the dried herbs. Cook for about a minute and add the vinegar and stir.

Add the water and scrape the bits off the bottom of the pot. Add the sun dried tomatoes and pepper flakes and cook down for an additional 5 minutes. Another option is to add in a can of 14oz, diced and fire roasted tomatoes. Be sure to taste as you go and season with additional salt and pepper.

Serve over pasta or spaghetti squash. Serves 4-5.

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



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# Beyond the March: Visions of a more woman-led America

By JT Thompson

Shelley Cates recently fulfilled a dream by opening a yoga studio of her own in Harvard Square. She speaks with the joyful calm and relaxed liveliness of someone who has discovered their calling in life.

“I came from an interior architecture and design background. I moved from New York City to Boston for grad school, and was living in the South End. After awhile, I couldn’t afford it, and moved to Somerville.

“Now, I would never live on the other side of the river. I like that we’re like the scrappy underdog. There’s a great sense of community in Somerville, the Squares are all accessible, there’s lots of mom and pop stores, brick and mortar local stores.”

Cates was inspired to open a yoga studio after “getting burned out on design work. I had been teaching Pilates part time downtown. I was putting feelers out, not sure what was next. But the design industry had sucked me dry. I had my eyes to the sky, ears to the ground.

“The former owner of the space I’m in now told me that he was selling it. I decided to buy it – I went home and told my partner Pablo, I want to buy a yoga studio,” Cates laughs. “I took it over last October.

“What’s most important to me about teaching yoga is connecting with the students, helping them

make small changes, offering them little sparks of empowerment. I want them to know I’m here to support them – that they can do anything they want with their body and mind. My goal is that they leave being a little bit better in ways that last in their life.”

*What was your experience of the Women’s March?*

“It was incredible. My friend Cheri and my partner Pablo and I went together in DC. I had never been in a place with so many women at the same time. And so many loving and supportive men. It brings tears to my eyes to think about that. It was really, really powerful.”

*What’s your perspective on the #metoo movement?*

“It’s a real thing. It’s not a lie. In hindsight and with a clear perspective, I don’t know any women who haven’t been treated unjustly or unfairly – at work or home. I think broadening awareness of how men treat women, and how women treat men in return, helps shift those relationships toward being based on trust and not power.”

*What do you think a more woman led society would be like?*

“Oh my god,” Cates laughs, “so much more peaceful. More just, more humane. More equal. Way more peaceful,” she laughs again. “More fair.”

*What would you like to say to women in America today?*

“So, when I was putting my feelers out, doing my own soul



Somerville resident Shelley Cates operates a yoga studio in Harvard Square.

searching, someone told me to find something that makes me happy and give it back to the world. I encourage every woman to find something that gives them joy, that they feel a passion for – find your gift and give it back to the world.

“I don’t know if where I am

now is connected to the Women’s March, but the broadening awareness of women’s equity in the world has made me more aware of myself, and how I live in the world.” Cates lights up with a warm smile. “I try to lead by example, more by a whisper than a yowl.”

## 2019 Teen Summer Jobs Program

The Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program will be accepting applications for summer 2019 starting Monday, April 1. Through the annual program, more than 100 Somerville teens will be placed within City departments as well as with private business partners in Somerville.

Eligible students must be Somerville residents, enrolled in high school, and at least 16 years of age. Limited opportunities are available for youth that are at least 14 years of age with the Department of Recreation.

Applications are due Tuesday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m., and can be picked up at the Personnel Department in City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Due to high demand late applications will not be accepted. Completed applications should also be submitted to the Personnel Department.

Interviews for all applicants will be May 13 through May 17, and selected youth must complete an orientation prior to the beginning of the program. Summer jobs require approximately 20 hours per week, though actual schedules will vary by employer. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Community Services Manager Christopher Hosman, at 617-625-6600 ext. 2406 or [CHosman@somervillema.gov](mailto:CHosman@somervillema.gov).

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers.

**\$4.9 million saved:** In July 2017, the City established Somerville Community Choice Electricity to offer lower electricity rates and more renewable energy sources to local residential electricity customers. Because the program also locked in an electricity rate for 30 months, the hope was that it would also save ratepayers money—and it has. By June 2019, Somerville Community Choice Electricity customers will save a total of \$4.9 million. That works out to

an average savings of \$145 per residential account.

**Down 16%:** Since fiscal year 2014 (fiscal years go from July 1 through June 30), Somerville has reduced energy use in municipal buildings by 16%. We're working toward a goal set by the State's Green Communities program to reduce our municipal building energy use by 20% by the end of fiscal year 2019. While we've made a lot of progress with energy efficiency measures, we also know we'll be facing challenges going forward. Perhaps the biggest challenge to an overall reduction in energy use is the addition of municipal space. When the new high school is complete or if the City were to add additional office space, our overall energy use will likely increase, which would lead to a smaller reduction percentage.

**\$1,025,000 in grant funding:** From fiscal years 2014 through

2018, Somerville has received over \$1 million in Green Communities grant funding that has been used for a variety of energy reducing measures, including installing public electric vehicle charging stations, getting more efficient indoor lighting, and installing temperature controls in the high school. Along with grant funding, the City has also invested in energy reduction measures like purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles for our fleet, converting streetlights to LED bulbs, and converting old oil heating systems to gas.

**10% of emissions goal:** Somerville has a goal of being carbon neutral citywide by 2050. The most recent numbers show a 10% reduction in emissions. When we set this goal, we knew it would be ambitious and it would take everyone's effort to achieve. We'll all need to think about how we use energy in our homes, during our commutes, and in other aspects of our lives.

And once you start thinking about it, you realize how intertwined our environmental goals are with many other City and community goals, including the addition of housing and jobs called for in Somerville Vision. For example, if you're able to live near your job, it becomes much easier to commute by walking, biking, or taking public transportation.

**1/3 of Somerville greenhouse gas emissions:** It's a statistic we talk about a lot, but it bears repeating – 1/3 of Somerville's greenhouse gas emissions come from personal car trips. We can't completely get rid of car trips; there will always be people who need to drive for their job or because of their physical abilities. But, there are also many of us who see driving as the most convenient choice and that's where we can have an impact. Over the past several years, the City has been working on ways to make walking, biking, and using

public transportation the easy choice. We've installed bike and pedestrian infrastructure to increase safety. We're looking at ways we can help the MBTA provide more reliable service, like installing bus priority lanes where we can. And many of us have spent years advocating for the Green Line Extension, which we estimate will take 25,000 cars off the road each day and will put 85% of Somerville residents within a half mile of a train stop.

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

Washington St. Bridge Closure Starts April 8

For the next phase of work on the Green Line Extension (GLX) Project, the Washington St. bridge, in East Somerville near McGrath Highway, will close for construction beginning Monday, April 8, at about 10 p.m. This bridge will close for two separate phases: first, from April 8 through approximately November 2019, then again from about April 2020 through August 2020.

During closures, all traffic will be detoured around the bridge's underpass, including motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and MBTA bus routes 86, 91, and CT2. Detour maps and directions are available on [www.mass.gov/GLX](http://www.mass.gov/GLX) in the "Bridge Closures" section.

A longer bridge with structural improvements will be constructed to accommodate the light rail tracks. The new bridge will also feature a portion of the extended Community Path, and major utilities beneath the roadway will be replaced and relocated.

The Somerville Bridge Hopper, the City's free shuttle to help transport residents from one side of the closure to the other, will offer service on Washington St. starting Tuesday, April 9. Shuttles will operate weekdays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. More information will be available on [www.somervillema.gov/GLX](http://www.somervillema.gov/GLX) and signage will be posted at each shuttle stop in the coming days.

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

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

For additional information about the Green Line Extension Project, including construction schedules, fact sheets, and the latest station designs, visit [www.mass.gov/GLX](http://www.mass.gov/GLX).



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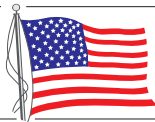
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What is the best option?

Our View Of The Times



However well-intentioned the recent revisions made to the Condominium/Co-operative Conversion Ordinance by the Somerville City Council may be, there are those that are affected by it who are left scratching their heads and wondering if certain measures included in the final version have gone too far in their regulatory reach.

To their credit, the councilors who fashioned and promoted the revisions in question clearly intended them to serve as protections for – as one councilor put it – “those tenants who are vulnerable, elderly, disabled, low-income.” And yet, many “small landlords” who, for example, may have invested in their owner occupied homes and worked hard to increase their

properties' value over the years, feel that they are being hit the hardest and that the larger, more legally astute investors will find ways to get around the regulations.

Still, others applaud the new rules, saying that the protections built into them are necessary to assure renters and lessees that they will be afforded due time to relocate in cases where a property owner

chooses to go for a condo conversion. The ordinance also addresses matters concerning unchecked overdevelopment in the city in general, which many consider to be an extremely important issue.

While some are considering challenging the ordinance, others are celebrating its passage. Only time will tell how fair and effective it will be one way or the other.

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considered for city board positions as proposed by **the mayor**. Can it be the harsh and rude questions and comments by several Council members which we hear are just about crossing the line? So, if you're being considered for an appointment be prepared for whatever the council throws at you.

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Once again for the 7th year now, **the Freemasons** on Highland Ave. are hosting their annual **Giggles night club** with a great night of comedy and a silent auction. The event is on **April 24**, doors open at 630 p.m. at **The Tower of Pizza** on Rte. 1, Saugus, **Giggles Comedy Club**. This year, like the last, local comedian and great guy **Lenny Clark** will be there, and he's bringing some of his friends. It should be a great night for laughs, all the pizza you can eat and over 20 baskets to bid on at the silent auction. The money raised is for the “insurance fund” for the **Masonic Building** at 125 Highland (rear) Somerville. Open to Masons, their families and friends, cost is only \$25 pp. For more information, contact the **President of the Association, Bobby Potaris**, at potarisconstruction@yahoo.com or the **Secretary of the Association, Mark Aubuchon**, at markaubuchon1@gmail.com, or if you

prefer just show up at the door.

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We heard that **Maria Gabriella LoRusso**, who turned 10 last week, as we mentioned her here in *Newstalk*, was happy about the recognition. We now hear that not only is she taking up violin lessons she also is taking piano lessons. And she's only 10, can you believe that?

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Others celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to **Jeffrey Lewis**, a great guy and recent grandfather. Happy birthday to **Sue Pye**, a nice lady who we even ran into at **Leon's** last week. Happy birthday to **Tyler Hart**, of the famous Hart family from Spring Hill. A personal happy birthday to **Robert Campbell**, who turns 83 this week. To the many others we didn't post over the last couple of months, we wish them a very happy belated birthday and apologize. To those that are celebrating this week, and we didn't post, again we wish you the best of birthdays.

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**The Somerville City Club manager Donny Johnson** is looking all the time for new members to join the club, if you think you'd be interested give him a call at 617-623-9340. It's a great local club for the residents of Somerville, and

has been around now for over 40 years, their location on Innerbelt Road. Plenty of parking and a very nice hall for rent, some say the best deal in Somerville. Call the hall and ask for details at 617-623-9340.

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We have someone damaging **our boxes** out there in the streets. So far, two have been destroyed lately. If you see someone doing it call us, no questions asked. A small reward be given for letting us know who it is.

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Don't forget, **street sweeping** started this week. The street sweeping season runs from **April 1** to **December 31** each year. Check the signs on your street, or look up your street sweeping schedule and sign up for street sweeping alerts at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov).

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**The Somerville Legislative Matters Committee** is holding two public hearings on **Thursday, April 4**, at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., on a **Home Rule Petition to the State Legislature requesting that 16- and 17-year-old Somerville citizens be granted legal voting rights for municipal elections**. Students and other members of the public are invited to attend and speak. Public testimony is generally limited to two minutes per person and may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. Written testimony for the public record may also be submitted to [citycouncil@somervillema.gov](mailto:citycouncil@somervillema.gov) and [cityclerk@somervillema.gov](mailto:cityclerk@somervillema.gov) through **Friday, April 12**. Learn more at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/news/two-public-hearings-youth-voting-rights-municipal-elections-april-4-3-and-6-pm>.

# Somerville Open Studios 2019

## The Soul of the City

On May 3, 4 and 5 Somerville Open Studios celebrates its 21st year as more than 300 artists across the city open their studios during one of the largest single weekend open studio events in the nation.

Somerville bursts at the seams with art. From fashion to film to interactive art, there is something for everyone. The annual SOS weekend continues to inspire and enchant the art-loving public as artists open their doors in this family friendly event. Visit home studios and commercial buildings to see a wide range of artists, artwork and creative space.

Some participating artists show in the community space at Arts at the Armory, Saturday and Sunday at 191 Highland Avenue. Organized entirely by participating artists and their loyal supporters, this citywide event showcases both established and emerging artists working across a broad range of fine art and craft—painting, sculpture, photography, fiber, jewelry, clay, glass, furniture, and installation art—anything you might want to explore is here in the Ville.

Begin your visit at the First Look Exhibit of participating SOS artists at the Somerville Museum at 1 Westwood Road. Map Guides are available at the museum and can be used to locate artists whose work interests you at the show. Map Guides are also available in artist-made map stands across the city. Free trolleys circulate the city Saturday and Sunday.

EVENT INFORMATION

Thursday, May 2, Beyond the Pattern Fashion Show at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, May 3, Sneak Preview, some artists open from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., see the website or Map Guide for exact information.

Saturday May 4 and Sunday, May 5 from 12 Noon-6PM Open Studios visit artists in their studios!

Exhibits:

FIRST LOOK SHOW at Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road

Every SOS artist has been invited to contribute one work to this show, which will be on display from April 18 through May 17.

Open SOS weekend: Friday, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Inside-Out Gallery, in the windows of the Davis Square CVS.

SOS artists exhibit works on the theme of "Art and Soul".

On display from mid-April through mid-May.

Locavore Show at Ivy Realty, 20 Holland Street in Davis Square.

SOS artists exhibit works on the theme of HOME.

On display from mid-April through mid-May.

Volunteer Appreciation Exhibit at Bloc Cafe, 11 Bow Street in Union Square.

Art by SOS volunteer artists who have contributed time and effort in organizing Somerville Open Studios.

On display from April 15 – May 16.

SOS Kids Art Show, April 29-May 12, Arts at the Armory Café, 191 Highland Ave.



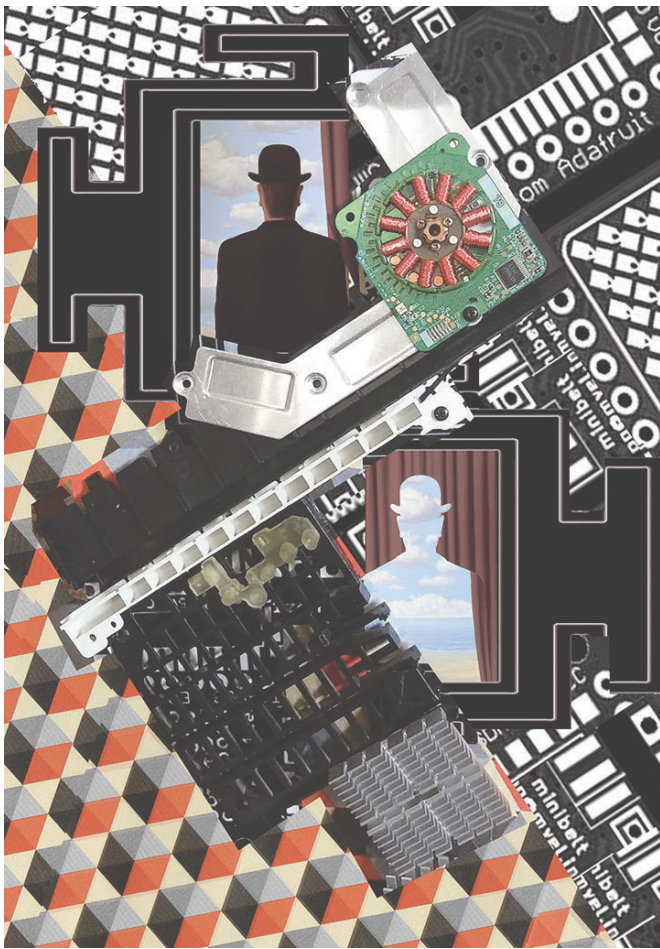
"Late Sun Fog Grass" by Parrish Dobson.



"Boys in Front of Coffee Shop" by Iku Oseki.



"Chamber of Regret" by Marilyn Ranker.



"Magritte Split" by Melissa Glick.

# East Somerville Neighborhood Clean-up right around the corner

East Somerville Main Streets, in collaboration with City Councilor Matt McLaughlin, will be hosting two spring Neighborhood Clean-Up events this year. The first will be Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This event coincides with National Volunteer Week and is a great opportunity for community members to volunteer their time beautifying their local neighborhood. The second neighborhood clean-up is in collaboration with the City of Somerville's Sustainville week

and the city's annual city-wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 4.

"This year we will have at least two cleanups, as there is an excess of trash on the streets from this winter," according to McLaughlin.

Additionally, a local group of neighbors led by Lorie Reilly have formed the East Somerville Litter Brigade to combat the litter that remains a problem in East Somerville. The East Somerville Litter Brigade is a walking group that will pick up litter while walking.



"There's a ton of trash in our streets and on our sidewalks that ends up clogging storm drains, blowing into the ocean, interfering with the lives of birds & marine animals, and breaking down into micro-plastics. Not to mention that it just looks bad. Our goal is to go for short walks around the neighborhood on a regular basis and pick up litter while we walk together," says Reilly.

Community members interested in joining the litter brigade should apply via this Google form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeS-ce8aShqb61mEHwT8DUl-7VW869e5yu1cPQ8RX-mGNR4UqTLQ/viewform>.



Ms. Cam's

# Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#672

1. What do they say in France instead of "April fool" when they prank someone?

2. Who were the first father-and-son combination to play in Major League Baseball at the same time?

3. What president was the first to throw the ceremonial first pitch on baseball's opening day?

4. What Google feature was added to Gmail on April 1, 2016, causing its users a lot of problems?

5. What jazz musician got his nickname because of his proper dress and manners?

6. In the *Star Wars* movies, what planet is Chewbacca from?

7. In what U.S. state would you find Kodiak Island?

8. What is a Linke-scale used to measure?

9. What does a Phlebotomist extract from your body?

10. What meringue-based cake was named after the Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova?

11. What color wedding dress is considered the most auspicious color among Hindus?

12. In the movie *Aquaman*, who is the voice behind the sea creature Karathen?

Answers on page 23

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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, April 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Council Chambers** on the 2nd floor of **City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA**

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

**88 Line Street, 90 Line Street, and 18 Cooney Street (ZBA 2017-73-R1-3/19):** Applicant and Owner, Sanjeev M. Kale, seeks a Revision to a previously approved Special Permit (ZBA 2017-73) under SZO §5.3.8 to increase the FAR of the structure by finishing the basement. RB Zone. Ward 2.

**7 Reed Court (ZBA 2019-13):** Applicant, North America Development LLC, and Owner, 7 Reed Court LLC, seek a Special Permit to enclose an existing porch that is within the rear and side yard setbacks, and to reconfigure the interior layout of the structure. RB district. Ward 1.

**44 Park Street (ZBA 2019-23):** Applicant, Dawn Lorino, and Owner, Belam II LLC, seek a Special Permit to remove a paving material condition included in a Special Permit approval from 2011. RC Zone. Ward 2.


**43 Victoria Street (ZBA 2019-23):** Applicant and Owner, Paul Yu, is seeking a Variance for fence height to approve a currently existing 8’ fence on the rear property line. RB Zone. Ward 7.

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88 Line Street, 90 Line Street, and 18 Cooney Street: <http://eepurl.com/gmGxRj>  
7 Reed Court: <http://eepurl.com/gmbxJT>  
44 Park Street: <http://eepurl.com/gmbzxn>  
43 Victoria Street: <http://eepurl.com/gmclzb>

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

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director  
As published in The Somerville Times on 4/3/19 & 4/10/19  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Planning Board** on **Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Council Chambers** on the 2nd floor of **City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA**

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**102-104 Broadway: (PB 2019-12):** Applicant, Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, LLC, and Owners, Luis A. & Blanca M. Morales, seeks a special permit under SZO §6.1.22 to expand the existing restaurant into the adjacent market and a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. CCD-55 Zone. Ward 1.

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102-104 Broadway: <http://eepurl.com/gmGNIX>

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman  
As published in The Somerville Times on 4/3/19 and 4/10/19  
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL


There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council’s Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Edrissi Group, Inc., dba Sam’s Falafel and Shawarma, for an Extended Operating Hours License at 215 Highland Avenue, to remain open until 3 AM Monday through Saturday nights, for in-store, take-out, and delivery service.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at [cityclerk@somervillema.gov](mailto:cityclerk@somervillema.gov), but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG  
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFQ 19-71

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

Design Services at Healey Schoolyard

A request for proposals may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **April 3rd, 2019** Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **April 24th, at 2:00pm**. 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.

Please contact Michael Richards at [mrichards@somervillema.gov](mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov) for more information.

Michael Richards  
Assistant Purchasing Director  
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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NOTICE OF INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION

CONWAY PARK  
550 SOMERVILLE AVENUE  
SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER (RTN) 3-34868

A Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, (310 CMR 40.0480) an Initial Site Investigation and Tier Classification has been performed at the above-referenced location.

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This site has been classified as Tier II, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this site will be conducted by Weston & Sampson Engineers Inc., in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, (310 CMR 40.0000).

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by the disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405. To obtain more information on this disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact: Mr. George D. Naslas, PG, LSP, of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., 55 Walkers Brook Drive Suite 100, Reading Massachusetts 01867 (1-978-532-1900).

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Raising a child who does not always fit in can be challenging. This free, open-ended group will offer adults the opportunity to share joys, concerns, frustrations, questions and resources about their experiences.

Facilitated by Amy Bamforth, LICSW.



NOTICE OF INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION

223 Washington Street  
Release Tracking Number 3-34864

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. As a result of this investigation, the site has been classified as Tier II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On March 28, 2019, Unison Union Square, LLC. filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact EndPoint, LLC at 25 Buttrick Road Londonderry, NH, 603-965-3810.

The Tier II Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be reviewed on line at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites/Search.asp> by entering Release Tracking Number 3-34864.

Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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## Medford St. between School St. and Walnut St. to close April 6 and 7

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

All work will be conducted during daytime hours. Dust will be controlled using a water mist.

During work hours, Medford St. between School and Walnut Streets will close to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Southbound traffic will be detoured via School St. and Highland Ave. Northbound traffic will be detoured onto Walnut St. to Broadway to School St. Abutter access will be managed onsite by the construction supervisor during the street closure. MBTA bus route 80 will also service a slightly modified route in the area. The MBTA will post additional information on [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com) and at affected bus stops.

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

To stay informed about City construction, you can sign up to receive a weekly email at [www.somervillema.gov/construction](http://www.somervillema.gov/construction). You can also enroll in the City's alert system at [www.somervillema.gov/alerts](http://www.somervillema.gov/alerts) to be notified prior to major detours or disruptive construction in your neighborhood.

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

For additional information about the Green Line Extension Project, including construction schedules, fact sheets, and the latest station designs, visit [www.mass.gov/glx](http://www.mass.gov/glx).



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**PHONES (S 2120)** - Bans the use of hand-held cell phones for all drivers but allows them to use a hands-free cell phone.

Penalties on drivers over 18 include a \$100 fine for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for subsequent ones. Drivers under 18 would face the same fines as those over 18 but would also be subject to suspension of their license for 60 days for a first offense, 180 days for a second offense and one year for subsequent ones. Third-time and subsequent violations of the law would be considered moving violations and drivers would be subject to surcharges on their auto insurance.

“Distracted driving from unnecessary cell phone use is a major hazard for motorists and pedestrians leading to tragic injuries and loss of life,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford). “Hands-free technology is readily accessible and affordable, and we must act now to save lives and help law enforcement increase roadway safety ... There is no more excuse. We must act now.”

Some opponents say that the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people’s cars and lives. Others noted that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted and said that the bill is a bonanza for insurance companies that will collect millions of dollars in surcharges.

**GENDER X (H 3070)** - Allows for residents to choose a third gender option, “X” in lieu of “male” or “female” on an application for a driver’s license, learner’s permit, identification card or liquor purchase identification card. No documentation would be required for the person to choose the “X” option.

“This issue was brought to my attention by a constitu-

ent who identifies as gender-non binary,” said the bill’s sponsor Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick). “They were struggling with what they would do when it came time to choose a gender for their driver’s license. Applying for a driver’s license should be an exciting day for all teenagers, not overcome by stress for young people who identify as gender non-binary. This legislation is about ensuring that every person in the commonwealth of Massachusetts feels welcomed and accepted.”

“Identifying documents serve a variety of crucial purposes that help society function on a basic level,” said Christopher Jay, an attorney for the Massachusetts Family Institute which opposes the measure. “Introducing false and incomplete information into the system undermines their purpose and harms society. There is no logical boundary here. If someone can specify their gender regardless of biological fact, why not specify a different race, age, height, weight or eye color according to how the person feels?”

### QUOTABLE QUOTES - By the Numbers Edition

Last Wednesday, March 27, was Massachusetts Agriculture Day and some 200 farmers gathered on Beacon Hill to lobby for the state’s farm industry. Here are some numbers according to the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation:

- 7,800 — *The number of farms in Massachusetts.*
- 523,000 — *The number of acres of open space occupied by farms.*
- \$492 million — *The amount of money contributed by the farming industry to the state’s economy.*
- 5th — *Rating among the 50 states in direct market agri-*

*cultural sales.*

### 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 March 25-29, the House met for a total of eight hours and 54 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 33 minutes.

Mon. March 25	House 11:05 a.m. to 1:44 p.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
Tues. March 26	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 27	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 28	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:16 p.m. Senate 12:01 p.m. to 4:22 p.m.
Fri. March 29	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at [bob@beaconhillrollcall.com](mailto:bob@beaconhillrollcall.com)

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|April 3

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group  
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Somerville Positive Forces  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|April 4

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

Friday|April 5

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

**East Branch Library**  
The Music Man!  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|April 6

**Central Library**  
EchoKids Music Event  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|April 8

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

Tuesday|April 9

**Somerville Community Baptist Church**  
Singalong: Music with Emily!  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m.|31 College Ave.

**Central Library**  
Girls Who Code  
6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|April 10

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

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

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Wednesday|April 3

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

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

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

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

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

**Once Somerville**  
156 Highland Ave

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**

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

Thursday|April 4

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
BYOBluegrass  
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Red Mill, Tippecanoe, Old Wave|7 p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Thunder Road**  
Brother Guy with special guests  
Why Try?, Kid Astronomer, and Alec Morrissey  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night 1  
OfficeR, PowerSlut, FiDEL, This Bliss  
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Macuco Quintet  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
No PhD Needed: Saving the Planet with Citizen Science  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 5

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Busted Jug|6 p.m.  
merriment abounds! with Party Walsh, Summer Villains, Savoir Faire - \$10 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi  
Kat Chapman, Mary Casiello|7 p.m.  
Fightin Friday|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Once Somerville**  
Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night 2  
The I Want You, Corner Soul, Brix n' Mortar, The Daylilies  
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Paris\_Monster with special guests Whistlebot, and The Trichomes  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
First Friday Flamenco with Flamenco Boston!  
8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m.  
Dreamland Silent Disco|9:30 p.m.  
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory  
Brio Integrated Theatre/ The Real Me  
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

Highland Ave

Saturday|April 6

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Stan Martin Band|6 p.m.  
Catch a Dinosaur, Nat Freedberg, Alright Already - \$10 cover|9 p.m  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
The Mudhens| 7p.m.  
Brick Pack|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Kids Union Dance Party|2:30 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night 3  
Art Thieves, blindspot, Justine and the Unclean, Exit 18  
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Rick and Friends  
10 a.m.|Café  
Somerville Songwriter Sessions  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m.  
Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque & Variety Show|9 p.m.  
255 Elm St

Sunday|April 7

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

**The Burren**  
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.  
Fellswater|4 p.m.  
A Spring Fling Kind Of Thing|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Next Generation Concerts presents... LIVE Audition for the All You Got Tour 2019| 1 p.m.  
2AM Club Presents: The Thaw|8 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Pop Up Taco Bar at ONCE Lounge|6 p.m.  
Ladies Rock Camp Boston April 2019 Showcase|8:30 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Possum with Chris Brokaw|2 p.m.  
pindrop sessions 15: dance, dance, evolution / palaver strings + culomba|7 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

Monday|April 8

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Americana Sundays with Greg Klyma, Pete Mancini, and special guest Terry Klein  
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Remember Sports  
Joey Nebulous, Lost Dog  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|April 9

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

**The Burren**  
Silver Arrow Band  
8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Tysk Tysk Task  
Indiana Heights  
Rachel DeLynn  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|April 10

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

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Brian O’Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
Knot Art, Runner-up, Chris Ballerini|7 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Once Somerville  
Hidden Tooth  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Emily and Jake  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Been Out here Teen Open Mic  
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre**  
Abby Wambach  
7 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|April 3

**Central Library**  
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft  
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.  
Our changing world: Two views of nature, climate and people in the 21st Century|7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 4

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

**Central Library**  
Yoga at the Library  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Saturday|April 6

**Central Library**  
No PhD Needed : Saving the Planet with Citizen Science  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|April 7

**Central Library**  
Growing Center Labyrinth Workshop  
1 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Unity Church of God  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|April 8

**Central Library**  
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club  
7 p.m.-8 p.m|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|April 9

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

Wednesday|April 10

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

**Monthly Breakfast** – Monday, April 1 – 9:00 a.m. at Renee’s Café located at 198 Holland Street. \$7 to be paid at time of reservation. Seating is limited and RSVP is a must. If you want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Glass Art with Linda Cohen** – Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Space is limited. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for this class. All supplies will be provided.

**Lunch with Judy** – Wednesday, April 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kitty’s Restaurant, North Reading. Seating is limited. Lunch will be off the menu and pay as you go. To join the fun call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

**Tim Van Egmond, Folk Singer/Storyteller** – Tuesday, April 9 – 12:15 p.m. at our Holland Street Center.\$2 per person. An intergenerational program of tales, song and riddles highlighting the special connection between seniors and children. “Young Fogies and Old Whipper-snappers” A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**SomerVision 2040 Focus Group** – Wednesday, April 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Help make Somerville continue to be an exceptional place to live, work, play, raise a family and grow old. Special lunch to follow. Please questions, additional information or to RSVP please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Upcoming dates: April 4, May 2 and June 6. If you require additional information

please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming dates: April 11, May 9 and June 13. For more info please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

**LGBTQ EVENTS**

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

**LGBTQ Lunch** – Wednesday, March 20 – 11:30 a.m. to noon. Meal yet to be determined.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

**RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION**

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

Highlander Robotics Places in Top 10



The Somerville High School Highlander Robotics Team, led by SHS Science teacher Michael Friedman, had a great weekend at the FIRST Robotics Greater Boston District Event at Revere High School.

SHS Robot “FRC 6201” ended qualifications in 8th place out of 28 teams. The team also took home the Team Spirit Award for their strong community outreach program, which included demonstrations at elementary schools, local community events and supporting the first SHS Women in STEM Summit.

Robotics programs develop science and technology leadership and innovation in young people by engaging them in exciting projects that develop team skills, relationships with mentors, confidence and communication skills. Congratulations #SHSHighlanders!

- Watch the highlight reel from the weekend: <https://tinyurl.com/yy8ryqg2>
- Learn more about the challenges the Robots faced during the competition: [https://youtu.be/Mew6G\\_og-PI](https://youtu.be/Mew6G_og-PI)
- Watch a pre-competition demonstration of SHS Robot FRC 6201: <https://tinyurl.com/y29loxcd>



BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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Community Journalism 101

Date: Monday, April 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at SMC – Class Size: 15 students  
About: These workshops are run by Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism (BINJ), in partnership with Somerville Media Center. Participants will learn how to interview people, do background research, write in basic Associated Press style, and cover a range of issues. At the end, we aim to host a network of community journalists and reporters who can work closely on BINJ and SMC content, as well as being able to access other opportunities.

How to Navigate your Smartphone

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 12 – 2:00 p.m. at SMC – Class Size: 6-8 students  
About: In this two-hour workshop students will learn How to Navigate Your Smartphone. Instructors will teach you simple applications that will make your life easier, introduce just a handful of the thousands of useful apps out there for you and will build your confidence with the basics of using a smartphone so you can continue to get more and more from your technology. Please bring your own device. This is in collaboration with the Somerville Public Library as part of our "Lunch & Learn Digital Literacy Series."

Intro to Podcasting 101

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

The Smart Beginners Guide: Marketing with Social Media

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

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
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9:00am	DW Global 3000	<b>Friday, April 5</b>		5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
11:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
2:00pm	Science 360	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:00am	SOM ARTS	<b>Sunday, April 7</b>		7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:30pm	Women2Women Today	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
6:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:30pm	Off the Shelf	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
7:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board
9:00pm	Boston Come Through	4:00pm	Gay USA	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:30am	Esoteric Science
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>		6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancng	10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	11:00am	Graphic Content
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	5:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	<b>Saturday, April 6</b>		6:00pm	The Grandstanders	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	Teen Empowerment	4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am	Legacies	1:00am	Boston Come Through	7:00pm	Cinema Somerville	5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
11:00am	Teen Empowerment	3:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Community Lens
11:30am	Art & Ideas	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	10:00pm	The Boston Medium	6:30pm	Art & Ideas
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:00pm	Art Seen at SMC
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Road to Recovery	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Monday, April 8</b>		8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
4:00pm	Hello Neighbor!	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Somerville Line
4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	5:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	10:00pm	TUTV
5:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke	10:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	10:30pm	Public Access Boyz
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8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout	12:00am	Senior Circuit	8:31 pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	9:00am	City Council Meeting - 3.28.19
9:00am	SomerViva em Portugues	12:30am	CC-Traffic & Parking Public Hearing	9:00pm	Public Hearing-Voting PT2- 4.4.19	2:00pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
9:30am	Senior Circuit	8:30am	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	<b>Sunday, April 7</b>		3:13pm	GLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19
10:00am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	9:00am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	12:00am	Vision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19	6:00pm	Public Hearing-Voting PT1 - 4.4.19
11:30am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	9:30am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	1:33am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	7:00pm	Vision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19
12:01pm	School Committee Meeting - 4.1.19	11:00am	CC-Traffic & Parking Public Hearing	2:00am	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	8:33pm	Talking Business "Bow Market"
6:00pm	CC-Traffic & Parking Public Hearing - LIVE	3:30pm	Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19	8:30am	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan	9:00pm	SomerViva em Portugues
10:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	6:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	9:00am	Tuskegee Airmen	9:30pm	Traffic & Parking Public Hearing - 4.3.19
11:00pm	Tuskegee Airmen	7:00pm	Greek Independence Day 2019	11:30am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>		8:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	1:00am	Public Hearing-Voting PT1 - 4.4.19
12:00am	Senior Circuit	9:00pm	Vision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19	12:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues	3:00am	Talking Business "Bow Market"
12:30am	CC-Land Use Meeting - 4.2.19	10:33pm	Talking Business "Bow Market"	1:00pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	3:20am	The Firstamerican Flag
8:30am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	11:00pm	Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation	1:30pm	Greek Independence Day 2019	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4
9:01am	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan	<b>Saturday, April 6</b>		3:00pm	SomerViva em Portugues	9:00am	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
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2:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	12:00pm	Greek Independence Day 2019	<b>Monday, April 8</b>		6:00pm	CC-Finance Committee of the Whole - LIVE
3:00pm	Public Hearing-Voting PT1 - LIVE	1:30pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	12:00am	Senior Circuit	12:00am	Senior Circuit
6:00pm	Public Hearing-Voting PT2- LIVE	3:00pm	Public Hearing-Voting PT1 - 4.4.19	12:30am	School Committee Meeting - 4.1.19	<b>Wednesday, April</b>	
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<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>		9:30pm Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	1:30pm Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	1:00pm Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer
9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset	10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica	2:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica	2:00pm Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer
10:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club	<b>Friday, April 5</b>	4:00pm Raising Families - Vaping	3:00pm Kennedy School Drama Club
11:30am	Raising Families - Vaping	12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Revere	5:00pm Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer	4:30pm El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música
12:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer	1:30am SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English	6:00pm Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer	5:00pm SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
1:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer	9:00am SHS Basketball vs N. Andover	7:00pm Kennedy School Drama Club	6:30pm Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset
2:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett	10:30am Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset	8:30pm Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset	7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn English
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7:30pm	Raising Families - Vaping	2:30pm El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música	<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>
8:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer	3:00pm Raising Families - Vaping	12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Salem	12:30am El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música
9:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer	3:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Brown School	2:00am SHS Hockey vs Ham-Wen Reg.	1:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica
10:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett	4:00pm SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation	8:00am SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English	9:00am Healey School gr. 3-8 Winter Concert
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>		5:00pm SHS Basketball vs N. Andover	9:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody	10:00am Argenziano School MLK Concert
12:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club	6:30pm Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset	11:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford	11:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
1:30am	El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música	7:00pm Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer	12:30pm Somerville Learning 2030 Presentation	12:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
2:00am	Public Domain Theater	8:00pm Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer	2:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody	1:00pm SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation
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12:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset	11:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Healey School	6:05pm SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English	5:00pm Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer
1:00pm	El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música	<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	7:36pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody	6:00pm Healey School gr. 3-8 Winter Concert
1:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	12:00am Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer	9:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford	7:00pm Argenziano School MLK Concert
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4:00pm	Raising Families - Vaping	3:00am Public Domain Theater	<b>Monday, April 8</b>	9:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
5:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer	9:00am Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer	12:00am SHS Hockey vs Gloucester	10:00pm SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation
6:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer	10:00am Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer	1:30am Public Domain Theater	11:00pm Kennedy School Drama Club
7:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	11:00am Kennedy School Drama Club	9:00am SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>
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There sure are lots of folks, but I'll persist—  
But wait...*everything is moving fine*. Okay!  
Hey! What kind of supermarket is this!?

Oh, I'll try some new things: why resist  
The low prices on this fine display?  
Now look at all the items on my list!

It's funny how my mood has changed: my fist  
Is now unclenched. Life is like a sweet sorbet!  
Hey! What kind of supermarket is this!?

"More for your dollar" *and* less stress?  
Well, yes: much less than I believed I'd pay.  
Just look at all the items on my list!

That place I used to shop will not be missed.  
I'm adding up the "plusses" here today.  
Hey! What kind of supermarket this is!  
Just look at all the items on my list.

— Kirk Etherton

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Thea Hopkins: A few guitar lengths from Somerville.

By Kirk Etherton

This year's Festival is April 3-7 (see website below). As a Somerville resident, poet, and musician, I always enjoy writing about it from a "Somerville perspective." This year's photo is – for a change – of an artist who lives just over the line, but still in "Camberville." (Or is it "Somerbridge?")

Thea has released several CDs, and tours extensively. On Saturday, April 6, she'll bring her uniquely fine singing and guitar playing to the Commonwealth Salon, in Boston Public Library, Copley Square. As in previous years, this is where much of the Festival takes place.

Saturday is the Festival's biggest day, and it includes lots of Somerville folks. Doug Holder, founder and publisher of "Ibbetson Street Press," will start with a tribute to Sam Cornish, Boston's first Poet Laureate. Somerville resident, poet, and State Rep. Denise Provost is a featured reader.

Lloyd Schwartz, the City's newest Poet Laureate (plus a Pulitzer Prize-winning music critic), will share his poetry – as well as other creative observations. Our former Poet Laureate, Gloria Mindock, is also a publisher: when I host the "Panel on Craft and Publishing," she'll have many insights to share.

Berklee professor Lucy Holstedt (yes, of Somerville) will read some of her own poetry, and provide piano accompaniment for a number of other featured readers. Lucy also produces the Festival's always-popular "Evening of Poetry, Music &

Dance," which this year is Thursday, April 4. The New England Poetry Club was founded over 100 years ago. Hear what the NEPC is up to these days, from Somervillians Hilary Sallick (Vice President) and Linda Conte (Treasurer) – plus Mary Buchinger, President. Sunday at the Commonwealth Salon, Somerville singer-songwriter Madelyn Holley, age seven, will probably be making her third Festival appearance. (Last year, she performed a really good song about fish.) The great claw hammer banjo player Yani Batteau, who was a City resident for years, will perform a number of original and other songs. Oh ... and Somerville's incomparable Bert Stern will be one of 10 Keynote Poets I'll have the honor of hosting at the BPL on Friday afternoon.

Somerville establishments that generously help to make this a FREE festival include: the UPS Store & Business Center on Somerville Avenue; Siam Ginger Thai Cuisine; and Master Printing & Signs.

Thanks also to Market Basket, for helping to promote the Festival. (You can probably find one of the Festival's fine printed programs at the front of the store.)

These are all great local businesses I've relied on for years. Special thanks to the Sater family: without them, we wouldn't have the Arts at the Armory (or The Middle East Restaurants & Nightclubs, over in Central Square.)

Don't forget to take a good look: <http://www.bostonnationalpoetry.org>

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Answers

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Poisson D'Avril!                          | 6. Kashyyyk                |
| 2. Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr., 1989 | 7. Alaska                  |
| 3. 1910 season, William Howard Taft          | 8. The blueness of the sky |
| 4. "Mic Drop" (feature was shut off)         | 9. Blood                   |
| 5. Duke Ellington                            | 10. Pavlova                |
|  | 11. Red                    |
|  | 12. Julie Andrews          |

Fidelio Trio Residency

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Deke Sharon's Residency in the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Monday, February 11, at 12:00 p.m and Wednesday, February 13, at 8:00 p.m. The London-based Fidelio Trio are Darragh Morgan, violin; Adi Tal, cello; and Mary Dullea, piano. Shortlisted for the 2016 Royal Philharmonic Society Music Awards, the Fidelio Trio are enthusiastic champions of the piano trio genre, performing the widest possible range of repertoire on concert stages across the world.

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72367035	7 Montgomery Ave	147	\$879,000	\$850,000
72444543	71R Rush St	7	\$699,000	\$735,000
72441508	74 Summer St	8	\$565,000	\$600,000
72415228	29 Delaware St	81	\$519,000	\$520,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:				
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72419738	353 Summer U:209	34	\$889,900	\$889,900
72452029	353 Summer U:302	62	\$889,900	\$889,900
72398688	18 Adams St U:1	129	\$879,000	\$879,000
72452033	353 Summer U:310	62	\$849,900	\$849,900
72452027	353 Summer U:301	63	\$839,900	\$839,900
72452017	353 Summer St U:201	62	\$839,900	\$839,900
72427697	7 Russell Rd U:1	64	\$799,900	\$780,000
72391906	353 Summer U:311	71	\$779,900	\$779,900

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72338704	78 & 82 Beacon St.	100	\$3,750,000	\$3,400,000
72438116	75 Irving St	15	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000
72415133	34 Oxford St	39	\$1,165,000	\$1,300,000
72370250	21 Malvern Ave	87	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000
72405121	36 Puritan Rd	47	\$1,050,000	\$1,000,000
72439349	9 Garrison Ave	10	\$899,900	\$995,000
72445623	18 Grant St	16	\$899,900	\$1,000,000

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