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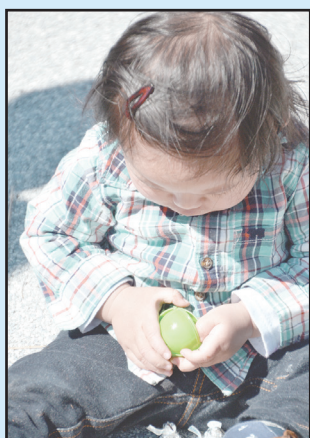
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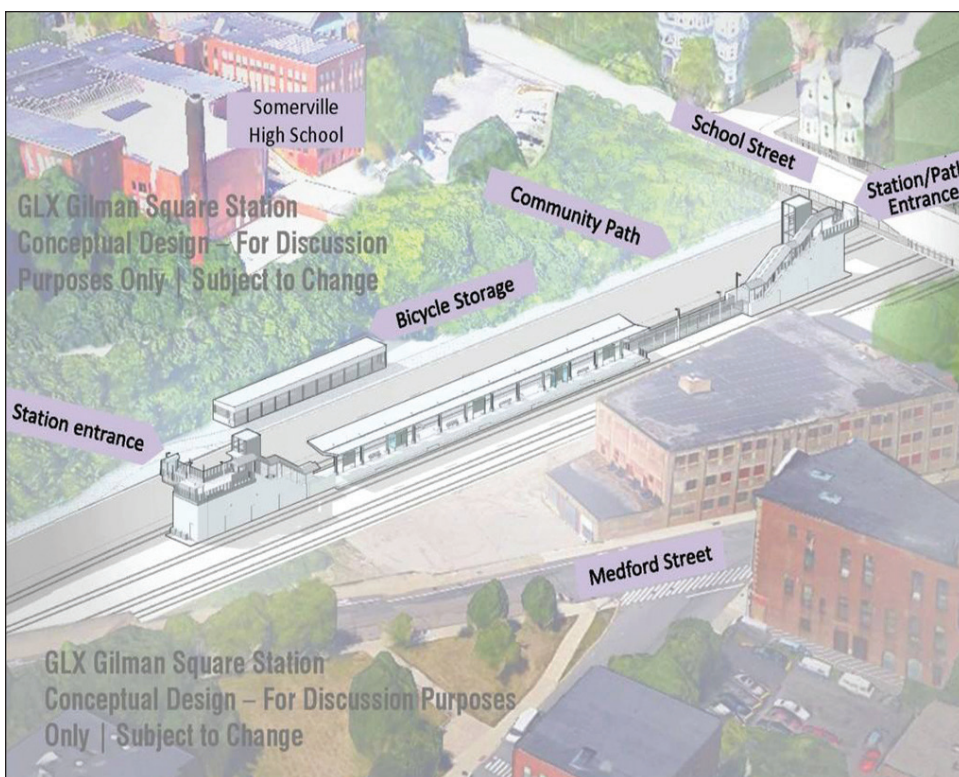
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## Public updated on GLX project progress



Somerville residents were recently provided with an overview of the current status and future plans of the GLX project.

By Eesha Pendharkar

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) held a public meeting in Somerville on Wednesday of last week to brief attendees about the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. The team responsible for the Green Line Extension provided an update about the overall schedule and the most forthcoming plans. Attendees voiced concerns during the meeting about pre-construction activities and design and execution transparency.

GLX project manager John Dalton summarized the general plans including 7 planned stations on both branches of the extended Green Line, building of a vehicle maintenance facility, and construction of a multi-use community path, and procurement of 24 new green line vehicles. Dalton said that the pilot vehicle arrived in Boston two weeks before the meeting.

"Design and pre-construction work is underway," said GLX Constructors representative Clyde Joseph. "Construction

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## From 'Pussycat' to Olivia Newton-John: Juliana Hatfield lightens the mood

By Blake Maddux

Whether it has been collaborations with Nada Surf's Matthew Caws in Minor Alps and Paul Westerberg in The I Don't Cares, a reunion with her eponymous trio, or the recording of solo albums, Juliana Hatfield has never lacked an outlet for her ceaseless productivity in the most recent of her three-decade long career.

Last April, in the wake of Donald Trump's assumption of the presidency, Hatfield unveiled *Pussycat*, a trenchant collection that included songs such as *When You're a Star*, *Short-Fingered Man*, and *Kellyanne*.

This coming April 13, American Laundromat Records will release *Juliana Hatfield Sings Olivia Newton-John*, on which Hatfield offers her interpretations of jaunty pop songs like *A Little More Love*, *Physical*, and *Xanadu*.

"It's like a 180-degree turn," Hatfield, contrasting her most recent albums, recently told *The Somerville Times*. "It's like a

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Juliana Hatfield will be previewing selections from her upcoming release covering songs made popular by Olivia Newton-John at ONCE Ballroom on Friday, April 6.

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Make your voice heard on the proposed new tax City Hall wants to put into effect. Make sure that the Board of Aldermen and the Curtatone administration hears from you at the public hearing on the 1% tax on selling your home here in Somerville tonight, Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall. We hear that this new Board of Aldermen just might find out that they will have awakened some who might disagree with them going for another tax grab. It seems like all the city can do since Joe Curtatone has been elected is not only raise your taxes but find even new ways to tax us, now including if you want to sell your home. The new Board leans very heavily to the left and they want as much money as they can grab from the residents. Show up for the public hearing and let your voices be heard, either way. But we have a suggestion if what the Board wants to do is to help middle income families stay: they can ask the state for more Section 8 housing grants. We think it's too late to save the middle incomers here in Somerville. Soon it will be two different classes of residents, the very poor and the very rich. Again, the middle income population will run from the city because of all the taxes that keep pounding the residents. The City of Cambridge City Council was proposing the same 1% tax on home sales that could also have been 2%, but the Cambridge property owners showed up at public hearings and made their voices heard and the Council voted the proposal down. Maybe the same thing will happen here in Somerville. Again, we think that no longer can voices go silent. Show the administration and the left leaning Board who it is they work for. It's called a transfer tax. Remember, once they vote on a tax affirmatively they

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Comments of the Week

Response to: A sketch of community need

DatGruntled says:

In the long run, the only way to keep housing cost under control is to find a way to make rental properties less lucrative.  
Rent control is now a thing of the past, so what are we left with?  
As long as owners can carve up units and add more bedrooms, families will be pushed out, because how can two working parents, never mind a single one, pay as much as three to five working individuals who are willing to room together.  
The idea that we need more multi bedroom units is a joke as families can't afford them. They go to four friends who are just out of school and all working.  
Filling Assembly with SROs or Studios would have been better as far as filling the needs most residents seem concerned about.

Matt C says:

Just some thoughts... Stephanie, I have met you, and I like you – I appreciate your passion and how engaged you are in the community and talking to all sorts of people entertaining all sorts of ideas. While I struggled with many of the principals outlined above I am glad you take the time to communicate them to people. I would happy have any of this conversation with you in person. I would suggest for the future hyperlinking to your data in context. Expecting me to dig for it is unreasonable. -M

MarketMan says:

Matt: I agree with some of your feedback, but I'm shocked by your shock of \$170-210k income to live in Somerville. Have you seen housing prices recently? How much income do you think a family of 4 needs to afford a \$500-800k mortgage?

Neighbor says:

Market man. A 500k mortgage is about 2.3k/month 3.9%. If you make 100k your take home including 5% savings claiming two deductions is about 6.2k /month after taxes.  
I think it's possible to make these numbers work. You're not vacationing in Bali or diving new a new car. But it's very possible. Now, the hard part to get this house is saving the 100k for the down payment while paying >2k/m in rent.

MarketMan says:

Neighbor: Yes, the numbers you presented work but you are leaving out other details such as real estate taxes. Also, I said for a family of 4, not a single person or couple with no kids. With kids, it becomes challenging due to child care and other costs. Remember that child care for a single child can cost as much as the 500k mortgage on a monthly basis.

Jim says:

For the average younger couple w/ kids, tack on a student loan payment of several hundred to maybe 1k/mo and daycare expenses of ~ 1.7k/mo/child and then try to save for a down payment while paying rent. Sisyphus had an easier time pushing the rock uphill.

Matt C says:

Its all about the choices people make and we need to step up and call out BS like needing to make 200k/yr to move to Somerville. I agree that its not easy, and yes, the majority of my peers don't have the capital or income to get into Somerville, and this change has happened rapidly (in the last 10 years). I am all for smart, transit focused growth that benefits everyone but we will not grow our way out of this. We need a regional plan, and I am happy to see our city be leaders in a coordinated action that improves access to quality, affordable housing. I'm not keen on seeing Somerville be a 4sq mile pioneer in the region where we can't even target the benefits at people who are already part of the community.

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John Connolly



# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## One broken window and 65 pills

Police officers were dispatched to a Wallace St. location last Sunday on reports of a possibly drunk male banging on a resident's door.

Upon arrival, the officers reportedly saw a male known to them as Dylan Shallow walking down Wallace St, one house down from residence in question.

An officer stopped Shallow and asked him if he was knock-

ing on the door. Shallow reportedly replied that he had been drinking and he thought it was his friend's house.

The officers then spotted another male coming down the street towards them. An officer approached the man, who told him he was the one who called the police and that he had observed Shallow going in and out of several driveways.

The witness reportedly said

that he saw Shallow go into a certain driveway on Wallace St. and then he heard the sound of glass breaking.

The witness further stated that he then saw Shallow exit the driveway and continue down the street.

An officer went into the driveway and observed a large rock lying in front of a broken basement window. Police were able to wake up the resident of

the home, who confirmed to them that the window was not broken prior to the events of that night.

According to police, it did not appear that Shallow had attempted to enter the basement.

Police informed Shallow that he was being placed under arrest for destruction of property for the breaking of the window.

Shallow was handcuffed and upon searching him, he was

found to be in possession of a small bag of marijuana and a bag of pills.

When the pills were removed from his person, Shallow reportedly said that they were his mother's Xanax pills. Shallow was informed that without a prescription he would also be charged with possession of a class E substance. A count of the pills revealed there to be 65 in total.

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**Arrests:**

**Ryan Melo**, of 20 Fellsway West, March 26, 11:03 a.m., arrested at Fellsway West on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

**Jonathan Machado**, of 350

Revere Beach Blvd., Revere, March 27, 5:52 p.m., arrested at Moreland St. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

**Evan Carpenito**, of 4 Woodridge Rd., Maynard, March 28, 11:46 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of wit-

ness intimidation and armed robbery.

**Jason Escobar**, of 11 Lewis St., Everett, March 29, 8:55 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of failure to stop or yield, carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a firearm

with ammunition, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Jason Ferguson**, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, March 30, 5:36 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise,

removal of theft prevention device, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

**Dylan Shallow**, of 55 Ossipee, April 1, 1:01 a.m., arrested at Wallace St. on charges of possession of a class E drug and destruction of property.

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## Public updated on GLX project progress

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starts early summer." He added that this spring, pre-construction activities, site clearing and surveys would be conducted.

Joseph showed the audience a rendering of the Gilman Square station adjacent to Somerville High School. "We were able to include all of the additive options requested in the proposal stage, including elevators, canopies and easier access," he said to applause from the audience.

Terry McCarthy, deputy program manager, introduced the community working group, consisting of 14 people from Somerville, Medford and Cambridge. McCarthy explained that the group acted as liaisons to residents, working to keeping them informed.

Representative Mike Connolly

who said he was a regular presence at the GLX meetings congratulated the team for acting upon past concerns and coming up with design and communication solutions to them.

"The two words I have on my mind now are rodents and tress," Connolly said. Rodent control without using glue traps and the environmental deficits caused by felling trees to build the community path were two major concerns echoed by many residents.

Johnson addressed these issues by saying that the team was partnering with arborists to oversee tree removal, and that glue traps were just another tool in the toolbox.

Some citizens also had concerns about the exact route of community path. Meeting mod-

erator Martin Nee responded, "It's too early to tell what the final design of the community path will be."

A few attendees said that they would like better communication and specific dates for pre-construction plans from GLX moving forward. Gilman square resident Sarah McClellan said that there were still a lot of specifics that were not discussed in the meeting, especially exact construction schedules that directly affected business owners and residents.

"I understand that not everything can be taken care of, and not everyone's concerns can be addressed but I hope that they're going to be transparent and as clear as possible from now on," she said.

### Green Line Extension project overview as described in presentations

- 1) Seven light-rail GLX stations
  - Relocated Lechmere Station
  - 5 on Medford Branch
  - 1 on Union Square Branch
- 2) Conforms with all environmental commitments and committed scope elements
- 3) Includes a multiuse community path (Lowell Street to Cambridge Crossing/Lechmere)
- 4) Procurement of 24 Green Line light rail vehicles
- 5) Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF)
- 6) Any future Green Line service to Route 16 and/or Porter Square is not precluded

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## When Donna met Helen; a caregiver match success story

**By Nathan Lamb**

Recently divorced- with two young children - Donna was going through a difficult period when she decided to become a caregiver with Adult Family Care (AFC) in 1998.

Looking back on that decision to open her home to Helen, a woman with developmental disabilities, Donna said it's been life-changing for both of them. Nearly 20 years later, they're still going strong.

"I've been very lucky," said Donna. "Helen helped me get through a difficult part of my life. I love her."

Donna and Helen were a caregiver match through AFC, which helps people receive the care they need at home through caregiver training and compensation. The program primarily helps family caregivers succeed, but it also matches compassionate people who can open their homes with others who want to live in the community.

In this case, Helen wanted to relocate to a home setting. Her siblings connect-

ed with Donna, who owns a 5-bedroom home and had worked with people with developmental disabilities for years. Helen's family then contacted AFC, which followed up with a rigorous screening process to ensure they were a good match.

As a caregiver through AFC, Donna receives a monthly stipend, as well as support and training from a social worker and nurse. AFC director Jeanne Leyden said they check in monthly, to confirm things are going well and offer support.

"This work can be overwhelming at times!" said Leyden. "So the support and stability from our social workers and nurses has been a tremendous help to Donna over the years."

AFC is a MassHealth-funded program, which is provided at no cost to eligible participants. In order to receive help through AFC, the person receiving care must require assistance with daily living activities, such as ambulating, dressing or eating.

In addition to a safe and comfortable living situation, Donna provides care



Donna and Helen met as a caregiver match through the Adult Family Care program in 1998 and they've been together ever since.

and mentoring, and has worked to help Helen feel a part of the family; Helen knows that she always has an open invitation to whatever Donna is doing. But they also maintain their separate lives and routines. Donna has a job in addition to providing care for Helen, and Helen has attended the same adult day health program for years.

Leyden said it takes a lot of work to make a match sustainable, and she credited Donna and Helen for continually putting in the effort.

"When you have a match, there are always certain challenges," said Leyden. "Donna and Helen are always willing to

work out any issues."

Donna confirmed that caring for someone in your own home isn't always easy, and described AFC as a crucial part of a support system that includes Helen's sisters.

"She has an amazing family," said Donna. "Her sisters are great advocates. And AFC is always there if I need them."

Adult Family Care is a non-profit program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that supports in-home caregivers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit [adultfamilycare.org](http://adultfamilycare.org) or call 617-628-2601.

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of March 26-30. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

**\$1.8 BILLION HOUSING PACKAGE (S 2368)**  
Senate 34-0, approved a bill funding many programs to construct, preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing in the Bay State. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Provisions include \$600 million for the renovation, remodeling, repair and improvement of existing public housing; \$400 million for the development and preservation of affordable and mixed income housing for households whose incomes are less than 110 per cent of the national median income; \$60 million for disabled persons and seniors to renovate and modify their homes; \$65 million for housing for individuals with mental illness or intellectual disabilities; \$100 million for the development of alternative forms of rental and ownership housing, including housing for people in recovery from substance use disorder; and \$45 million for grants to non-profits for early education and out-of-school time program facilities that serve low income children.

Tax incentives include extending the Community Investment Tax Credit from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2025 for taxpayers who make cash contributions to community partners investing in economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income households; increasing from \$50 million to \$55 million the total annual amount that the state is allowed to give as a Massachusetts historic rehabilitation tax credit; providing an additional \$5 million per year to the Massachusetts low-income housing tax credit program for projects that preserve and improve existing state or federally assisted housing; and increasing the credit to clean up contaminated sites known as brownfields.

“Our affordable housing shortage has placed the commonwealth’s financial health at risk,” said Sen. Joseph Boncore (D-Winthrop), chair of the Committee on Housing. “The housing bond bill is the first step toward ensuring Massachusetts develops enough affordable housing to support both its workforce and its economic future.”

“The housing bond bill we passed today reflects our commitment to providing housing that is affordable to the vital and diverse workforce that is fueling the commonwealth’s economic growth,” said Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy).

“The high cost of housing across Massachusetts strains family incomes and local businesses,” said Senate Ways and Means chair Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “These investments are an important step to create more affordable, livable communities, support a growing, healthy economy and expand access to quality housing for everyone.”

The House approved a different version of the package on January 24. A House-Senate conference committee will likely work out a compromise bill.

(A “Yes” vote is for the \$1.8 million housing package.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY (H 2368)**  
Senate 34-0, approved an amendment allowing the state to award funds for projects involving energy efficiency, sustainability, climate adaptation and resiliency.

Amendment supporters said the bill will create lots of new and rehabilitated housing but the Senate should make sure the housing is well built, energy efficient and will last a long time.

“Massachusetts has been the most energy efficient state in the nation for the past seven years, and it’s only right that our low- and moderate-income residents take part in this success as well,” said Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton). “Making it easier for folks of all income levels to embrace new technologies in their homes makes sense not only for our environment, but our economy as well. We need to do all we can to help our housing stock take advantage of a clean energy future.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**ELECTION-RELATED- COMMITTEE BILLS SENT TO STUDY** - The Election Laws Committee shipped several bills off to a “study committee.” Most measures that are sent to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated. Here are some of the bills that were sent to a study committee and will likely be refiled by its sponsors in 2019:

**MUST SHOW ID TO VOTE (H 372)** - Requires all voters to show identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote. Acceptable forms of ID would include any current state or federal government-issued photo ID including a Massachusetts state driver’s license or photo identification card and a United States passport. The measure also provides a free or reduced cost photo ID card to indigent voters who cannot afford to pay for one.

**IMPROVE ACCESS TO POLLING LOCATIONS (H 352)** - Creates a Polling Location Accessibility Fund, to promote improved involvement in the electoral process by physically-challenged and elderly individuals. The program would help cities and towns pay all or part of any costs to improve the physical condition of polling locations that may have obstacles to access for elderly and physically-challenged voters.

**ALLOW VOTER REGISTRATION ON ELECTION DAY (H 3554)** - Allows Massachusetts voters to register and vote on Election Day. Under current law, voters must be registered at least 20 days before an election in order to be eligible to vote in it.

**REPEAL EARLY VOTING LAW (H 362)** – Repeals the Early Voting Law that allows voters to cast their ballots before Election Day. The system was first used in the November 8, 2016 election. Early voting begins 10 business days before an election and ends two

days before it.

**FALSE ADS (H 365)** – Provides that any candidate or Political Action Committee that lies in a political ad forfeit all their campaign funds to the Massachusetts Treasury.

**NONE OF THE ABOVE (H 2106)** – Requires each ballot in Massachusetts elections to include an option to vote for “None of the Above.”

## QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special Facebook Edition

Here are the state’s six constitutional officers and the number of followers each one has on Facebook as of noon on March 29, 2018. Some of these officials have more than one Facebook account. The number of followers for each person represents the total number of followers in all his or her accounts.

145,713 — Gov. Charlie Baker

82,082 — Attorney General Maura Healey

71,474 — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito

4,363 — Treasurer Deb Goldberg

661 — Auditor Suzanne Bump

628 — Sec. of State Bill Galvin

**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 26-30, the House met for a total of two hours and 53 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and nine minutes.

Mon. March 26	House 11:00 a.m. to 1:44 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 1:48 p.m.
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Tues. March 27	No House session No Senate session
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Wed. March 28	No House session No Senate session
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Thurs. March 29	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 1:37 p.m.
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Fri. March 30	No House session No Senate session
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From 'Pussycat' to Olivia Newton-John: Juliana Hatfield lightens the mood

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pendulum swing to the complete other side.”

Adding to the abundance of new Juliana Hatfield product currently on the market was last month’s reissuance of her solo debut, *Hey Babe*, on vinyl in recognition of its 25th anniversary.

Hatfield’s website indicates that she will not be touring behind *Juliana Hatfield Sings Olivia Newton-John*. However, the Maine-born and Duxbury-raised musician will treat her fellow Boston-area denizens to a performance at ONCE Ballroom this Friday.

She spoke by phone to *The Somerville Times* in advance of the show.

**The Somerville Times:** Have you always wanted to record an album of Olivia Newton-John songs?

**Juliana Hatfield:** No, I never really thought about it until just before I did it. It was just an idea that popped into my head last year at some point, and I acted on it immediately. I’ve always loved Olivia Newton-John and I’m very familiar with a lot of her material, so it made sense for me to do this album.

**TST:** Do you think that anything specific caused it to occur to you when it did?

**JH:** I think the timing was significant just because I’ve been feeling like it’s kind of a dark, confusing time in history, and I think that I wanted to do something that was positive instead of negative. And I think of her music as being a very positive force in the world. So something positive and kind of escapist. I wanted to escape into something beautiful.

**TST:** Is there very much overlap between your fans and those of Newton-John?

**JH:** I’m learning that there is a little bit of overlap. Once people heard that I was doing this, a lot of people were expressing their excitement. People that I never knew were Olivia Newton-John fans are kind of coming out of the woodwork to tell me that they love Olivia Newton-John, fans of mine.

**TST:** Were all of the songs on *Pussycat* written after Donald Trump won the 2016 election?

**JH:** I seem to remember that the election had not happened yet. I think I was writing about it during the run-up to the election. I might have started writing it before the election and then kept working on it after.

**TST:** Were you expecting him to win?

**JH:** I don’t know what I was expecting. I mean, it was shocking when he won. I mean, I was shocked, but at the same time I wasn’t surprised, because at that point he had gotten away with so much and people were letting him off the hook for so much horrible speech and behavior that I knew that it was a possibility. But it was kind of shocking that so many people would let that happen.

**TST:** Would you have released the album even if he had not been elected?

**JH:** That’s a good question, because it seems like maybe it would not have been as relevant if he had not won. But he’s still a pig. It’s not just a record about him. It was inspired by current events, but not just one man, you know. It’s about sexism, misogyny, harassment. It’s kind of an all-around protest record against hypocrisy, abuse, sexism, [expletive deleted], all kind of stuff.

**TST:** Was it a #MeToo movement album?

**JH:** When I wrote it, that hashtag didn’t even exist. For me it was just my own disgust, anger, confusion, disappointment. It was just me trying to fight back against things that I thought were destructive and unjust attitudes. I’ve always made protest music. Usually I throw a couple of protest songs on every album, but this was just more of them. It was a whole album of them. But it wasn’t that different than anything I’ve ever done. It was just a little bit more topical, I guess. I wasn’t trying to jump on any bandwagon. It was just a very visceral, personal reaction to what was going on at the time.

**TST:** Given how his presidency is going, is it possible that you will write a sequel to *Pussycat*?

**JH:** I wouldn’t want to. That’s why I did this Olivia Newton-John record. I want to get away from that negativity. I don’t even want to listen to *Pussycat*. It was really just like vomiting. I got it out of my system and now I just want to move on, forward toward something nicer like Olivia Newton-John. Something more positive, less ugly. I hope that I won’t have to make another record like that anytime soon. I don’t want to go back and revisit that ugliness, no.

**TST:** That said, will you still be performing songs from the album at ONCE?

**JH:** Yeah, we’re going to do a few songs that are not so current events-focused. Like the song *Wonder Why*, which is more about nostalgia. And maybe a song or two that are less about current events but are just more vague or personal.

**TST:** Will you be highlighting *Sings Olivia Newton-John* and *Hey Babe* in equal quantities?

**JH:** There will be more Olivia Newton-John songs than *Hey Babe* songs. We’ll probably just do two or three from *Hey Babe*, and then a bunch from the Olivia Newton-John record.

**TST:** It has been 10 years since *When I Grow Up: A Memoir* was published. Do you plan to write another book?

**JH:** Well, I’m always writing, and I think at some point I’ll try to get another book together, but nothing is really taking shape yet as a book. But I’m definitely writing all the time. I’ll make another book at some point, but it’s not really happening yet. I’ve actually written a couple books since my last book came out, but I didn’t want to publish them. *Juliana Hatfield with Abbie Barrett. Friday, April 6. Doors at 8, show at 9. ONCE Ballroom, 156 Highland Ave., Somerville.*

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
24 Dane Avenue	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	146	\$549,900	\$610,000
62 Fairfax Street	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	31	\$569,900	\$550,000
22 Wellington Ave	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Other	110	\$599,999	\$550,000
5 Webster St	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	103	\$729,000	\$600,000
35 Corinthian Rd	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	8	\$999,000	\$1,210,526

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
375 Canal Street U:711	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	33	\$884,000	\$949,000
48 Morrison Avenue U:48	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	3	\$999,000	\$1,010,000
5-7 Pearson Road U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	58	\$1,029,000	\$1,010,000
60 Clyde St U:8	6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	9	\$1,050,000	\$1,126,000
375 Canal Street U:1117	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	41	\$1,099,900	\$1,099,900
30 Teele Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	188	\$1,149,900	\$1,145,000
375 Canal Street U:PH117	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	65	\$1,225,600	\$1,225,600
375 Canal Street U:1010	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	54	\$1,307,900	\$1,352,900

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
28-28A Sterling St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	23	\$940,000	\$1,000,000
127 Hillsdale	2 unit, 13 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$989,000	\$1,001,000
7 Webster St	2 unit, 11 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	103	\$999,000	\$900,000
91 Pearson Rd	2 unit, 11 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	93	\$1,185,000	\$1,100,000
32 Ivaloo St	2 unit, 10 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	9	\$1,195,000	\$1,280,000
94 Conwell Ave	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	46	\$1,300,000	\$1,150,000
17-19 Wheeler St	3 unit, 17 total room, 11 total bedroom 3 Family	38	\$1,495,000	\$1,595,000

Somerville Rotary Giggles Comedy Night

Last week, a full room at Giggles Comedy Club in Saugus hosted a wonderful night of fun with lots of professional comedians, many prizes offered and a bunch of money raised by the club.

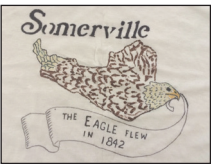
The funds raised by the club go to many local Somerville charities, especially to the Somerville Rotary Scholarship Foundation. The local Rotary club here in Somerville meets every Tuesday at the Holiday Inn on Washington Street. If you are interested in joining and being part of a world-wide organization that has been active in Somerville for many years, comprised of many local businesses and charities, go online at [www.somervillerotary.org](http://www.somervillerotary.org) for further information on how you can be part of a great group of local businesses and charities.

— Donald Norton



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The Somerville Times  
Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #150

The Somerville Seafarers  
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

In 1614, British Captain John Smith, Admiral of New England, was the first European explorer to map the North-east coast including what is now our city. At that time, the area now known as Somerville was an island.



She had salt water in her veins. Her tidal borders were made up of what was later to be known as the Miller's River, Tannery Brook, the Alewife Brook, the Mystic River and the Charles River. Smith was considered the god-father of English names. He named the River Charles in honor of His Royal Highness, Charles, Prince of Wales. In 1629 Charlestown was named for the same man, after he was crowned Charles I, King of England. The Indian name for the Charles River was Massachusetts, which means blue hills.

Somerville's nautical history and its environs go way back. It is believed that Vikings explored the Charles and Mystic shores from the year 1000 to 1004, five hundred years before Columbus.

♦ In 1621, Pilgrim Captain Myles Standish was the first European to sail up the coast from Plymouth and to explore what is now Somerville.



♦ In 1630, John Winthrop on his flagship Arbella was the Admiral of the 11-ship fleet carrying approximately 1,000 Puritans to Charlestown.

♦ On July 4, 1631, Governor Winthrop launched the first ship built in Massachusetts and christened her "The Blessing of the Bay." Its dock was near today's entrance to the now Assembly Row. His son John Jr., later Governor of Connecticut, sailed the Blessing as a trader and afterwards armed it against pirates as the first Coast Guard ship.

♦ In 1639, as part of Charlestown, Somerville was honorably purchased from the Pawtucket Indians for twenty-one coats, three bushels of corn, and nineteen fathoms of wampum, or 114' of oyster-shell bead currency.

The American Revolution produced

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## ONCE Somerville presents Musicians Against Gun Violence



Some of Boston's finest musicians are getting together to raise money for Everytown for Gun Safety on Thursday, April 12, at ONCE Ballroom. Featured performers include Today Junior, Bruvs, The Furniture, Dutch Tulips, C8music.

State Rep. Mike Connolly, who serves parts of Somerville and Cambridge in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, will provide a brief update on local efforts to make our state's gun laws even stronger, including last year's adoption of legislation to ban bump stocks, and this year's push to adopt legislation that would allow for Extreme Risk Protective Orders, which would allow family members and law enforcement to petition to temporarily remove guns from a dangerous individual.

All proceeds will be donated to their efforts to end gun violence and build safer communities.

Tickets \$10. Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

## Somerville divestment home rule petition arrives at MA Legislature

The city of Somerville has submitted a home rule petition to the state legislature to fight back against regulatory opposition that blocked it from divesting the city's pension system from the fossil fuel industry.

This move comes after the Board of Aldermen unanimously approved the home rule petition at its February 22 meeting with a 10-0 vote. The petition was then submitted to the Massachusetts House of Representatives under docket #HD.4700, and Rep. Denise Provost has taken the lead on the bill.

"Institutional investors all over the world are taking action to prevent the loss of assets sunk into obsolete fossil fuels," Provost said. "Our laws now require reducing carbon emissions, and new technologies are making renewable energy less expensive. It's time to embrace the clean future of energy and free ourselves from its dirty past."

Provost originally suggested that the Somerville Retirement Board draft a home rule petition as a response to opposition from the state Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, which claimed that the board could not restrict investments from fossil fuels without a state law directing it to do so. At a Somerville Finance Committee meeting, SRB member Alex Nosnik noted that the SRB disagreed with



PERAC's conclusions.

"After a thorough evaluation of PERAC's opinion with the Retirement Board's outside counsel, we concluded that PERAC's legal interpretation was unfounded," Nosnik told the committee. Nosnik added that the home rule petition would allow the Somerville retirement system to divest in accordance with its fiduciary obligation.

"Somerville's city government and community at large are fully supportive of divestment," FFS member Sean Donaghy said. "The city has done its due diligence on this topic and found that divestment is the best way to protect Somerville pensioners from losses due to a dirty, collapsing industry."

Divestment from the fossil fuel industry has been a priority in Somerville for years. Mayor Joseph Curtatone has been

calling for divestment since his 2014 inaugural address, and the Board of Aldermen passed a nonbinding resolution in support of divestment that year after Fossil Free Somerville led a successful petition drive. The SRB has researched the issue since then, interviewing experts on climate change, new technology and their effects on the fossil fuel industry.

— Fossil Free Somerville

## Patriot's Day Ceremonies on April 16

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

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

### Volunteers still needed for Colonial Fair

Event organizers are seeking adults and high school students to help publicize and execute the Colonial Fair. Volunteers are needed in several areas, including: community outreach, working with youth to create drawings about the event and our community in Colonial times, youths' reading short poems on the podium, and helping with the Colonial Passports. All volunteers will be asked to dress in Colonial era clothing.

For more information or to volunteer, contact SHPC Director Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 ext. 2532, or Historic Somerville at admin@historicsomerville.org, or 917-572-8780.

## Annual Somerville rabies vaccine clinic

The City of Somerville Health & Human Services Department, and Somerville Animal Control will host the city's annual rabies clinic on Saturday, April 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the yard at the Department of Public Works, 1 Franey Rd. Enter gate to the right of the main building and follow signs for the Rabies Clinic. Vaccinations and on-site licenses for dogs will be available at the clinic. The vaccine is \$10, and a dog license is \$20 for spayed and neutered dogs with proof and \$30 for all other dogs. Prior vaccination records are not required and all vaccinations will be valid for one year. All Somerville residents are required to license their dogs and a current rabies vaccine is required to obtain a license. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers in order to access the clinic. For more info please contact the Health & Human Services Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4300.

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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.*

**254 residential accounts participating in Somerville Community Choice Electricity with 100 percent renewable energy:** In July 2017, the City launched the Somerville Community Choice Electricity bulk buying program with a goal of increasing access to renewable energy and stabilizing energy costs. Of the more than 21,000 participating accounts, 254 residential accounts – along with 19 small commercial and industrial accounts – have chosen the option of 100 percent green, renewable energy.

Thanks to those participants

and the more than 22,000 accounts with the standard 5 percent green energy designation, Somerville customers have avoided approximately 3 million pounds of carbon emissions in just eight months.

If you've been hesitant to make the switch to 100 percent green energy option due to cost, it's lower than you may think. Using available data since the program's installation (and making projections for the remaining few months), it's estimated that the 100 percent green energy option will end up costing residential accounts only an additional nearly \$50 for the entire first year of the program. Residential accounts with the standard 5 percent green energy product are anticipated to save about \$65 for the first year.

For more information on Somerville Community Choice Electricity, visit <http://bit.ly/SomervilleCEEE> or join the City and Mass Energy for the Clean Energy at Home Event on April 23, during Sustainable Week. Event information

is available at <http://bit.ly/GreenEnergyHome>.

**Up to 6 minutes of saved time on peak-hour bus trips:** The region's MBTA bus routes handle approximately 325,000 boardings each day (more than the Red Line and Orange Line rail systems at 280,000 and 200,000 daily boardings, respectively). We know people depend on buses to get to work, the grocery store, health care appointments, and a variety of other things, so working with the T to increase efficiency and reliability is an important component of our mobility goals.

Last year we took a big step toward that goal when Prospect Street was converted back to two-way traffic and the City's first priority bus lane was created shortly after on the block between Somerville Avenue and Webster Avenue. By designating a bus lane on a busy street, we're helping provide better run times for mass transit (early data from MBTA staff indicated up to six minutes being shaved off of some trips), giving our residents better choices to

get around and helping reduce the City's carbon footprint at the same time.

**191 potholes filled since March 27:** It's no secret that after cold, snowy winters when roads have to be continuously salted and plowed, they're not in the best shape (and that's putting it lightly). That's why in addition to responding to 311 requests, our DPW crews have been out proactively identifying pothole work that needs to be done. As of Tuesday, April 3, 191 internally generated work orders for pothole repairs have been completed in just the past seven days. Again, that's just the number of potholes filled proactively. That doesn't take into account the others that have been diligently addressed by DPW in response to requests registered via 311. So keep those reports coming, and help us ensure our roads are ready for the warmer weather.

**Nearly 100 high school student participants the 2017 Mayor's Summer Jobs Program:** The goal of the Summer Jobs Program is to provide

opportunities for youths in Somerville to work within the community while not in school during the summer months so that they can gain work experience and knowledge about the public and private sectors. In summer 2017, nearly 100 high school students participated in the program and gained essential employment experience. Applications are now available for this year's Summer Jobs Program and are due no later than April 20, 2018. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/MayorsSummerJobs>.

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

## Paying for the beloved community



By William C. Shelton

I can't count the number of people that I care about who have been priced out of our city. I suppose I could tell you some of their stories to add "human interest" to this column. But if you've been here even a few years, you can provide your own list.

We should add a suffix to the City's promotional tag line: "Somerville is a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family" *if you can afford it*. Many people who have spent their lives here can't, or are barely hanging on.

As the Cub Scout den mother, neighborhood peacemaker, church deacon, little league coach, community artist, school volunteer, and local merchant who gave credit to trusted neighbors are displaced, we are all diminished.

In this housing market, working families can't outbid childless affluent professionals or adult millennials who share rent expenses. So the proportion of children in our population declined for two decades, while that of millennials is now more than double the nation's.

The Centers for Disease Control reports that when people are displaced from their communities, they "typically have shorter life expectancy; higher cancer rates; more birth defects; greater infant mortality; and higher incidence of asthma, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease."

We who remain here are harmed as well. We may have trendy new restaurants, if we can afford them. But we are increasingly surrounded by more homogenous and transient strangers. And as the fabric of community unravels, we are lonelier and less secure.

I was no prophet to anticipate this trend thirty years ago when rents began escalating. Nor to predict in a 1996 article that the vote to end rent control in Boston, Brookline, and Cambridge would result in homebuyers who had accumulated savings by

living in rent-controlled apartments bidding up Somerville rents. The trends were implicit in the data.

Those same data made clear – and make clear – that no amount of new housing production that our small city can realistically accommodate will equilibrate supply and demand at a lower price point. Housing market forces are regional.

Comprehensive data analysis provided the criteria by which those of us on Mayor Capuano's 1998 Affordable Housing Task Force tested our assumptions and evaluated our policy proposals. We included realtors, landlords, tenants, housing advocates, a developer, a banker, and a first-term alderman named Bill White.

We deliberated for a year. The truth that emerged was that, over the long term, the only way to keep Somerville a place for people of all income levels would be to permanently remove some portion of our housing stock from the inflationary spiral. Even if we were to buy and hold homes at then-current market prices, they would become "affordable"

as the market continued its vertigo-inducing escalation.

This, of course, would require substantial capital. So I proposed a transfer tax and an anti-speculation tax as sources, and the Task Force adopted these proposals. But we issued our report a month after Mike Capuano was elected to Congress, and the transfer tax was never acted on.

Chris Mirakian at the Warren Group tells me that over the twenty years since the Task Force began its work, the median sale price of a Somerville home has increased by 402%, from \$184,000 in 1997 to \$740,000 last year. While breathtaking, these figures still understate the true amount of inflation, because so many homes have been condominiumized into smaller units.

If a 1% transfer tax had been implemented in 1998, by now we would have obtained about \$105 million in revenues. Leveraged with debt and state and federal subsidies, this would have invested over \$1 billion in keeping Somerville housing permanently affordable.

Failing to seize this opportuni-

ty then, is no excuse for failing to do so now. On Wednesday evening the Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing on instituting a transfer tax, a measure that already exists in all but thirteen states, and in three Massachusetts jurisdictions. Live-free-or-cheap New Hampshire imposes a 1.5% transfer tax.

I understand why those who advocate for it prefer to use the more euphemistic term, "transfer fee." But let's be honest. Fees are usually fixed amounts, while taxes vary with what is being taxed.

Taxes are what we agree to pay for things that benefit us all, but which none of us can obtain by ourselves. For me, holding on to Somerville's soul fits that description.

I also understand why so many homeowners feel ground down by continually increasing property taxes, seemingly arbitrary water surcharges, and a Community Preservation Act surcharge that gets spent on things different from what was presented when it was on the ballot.

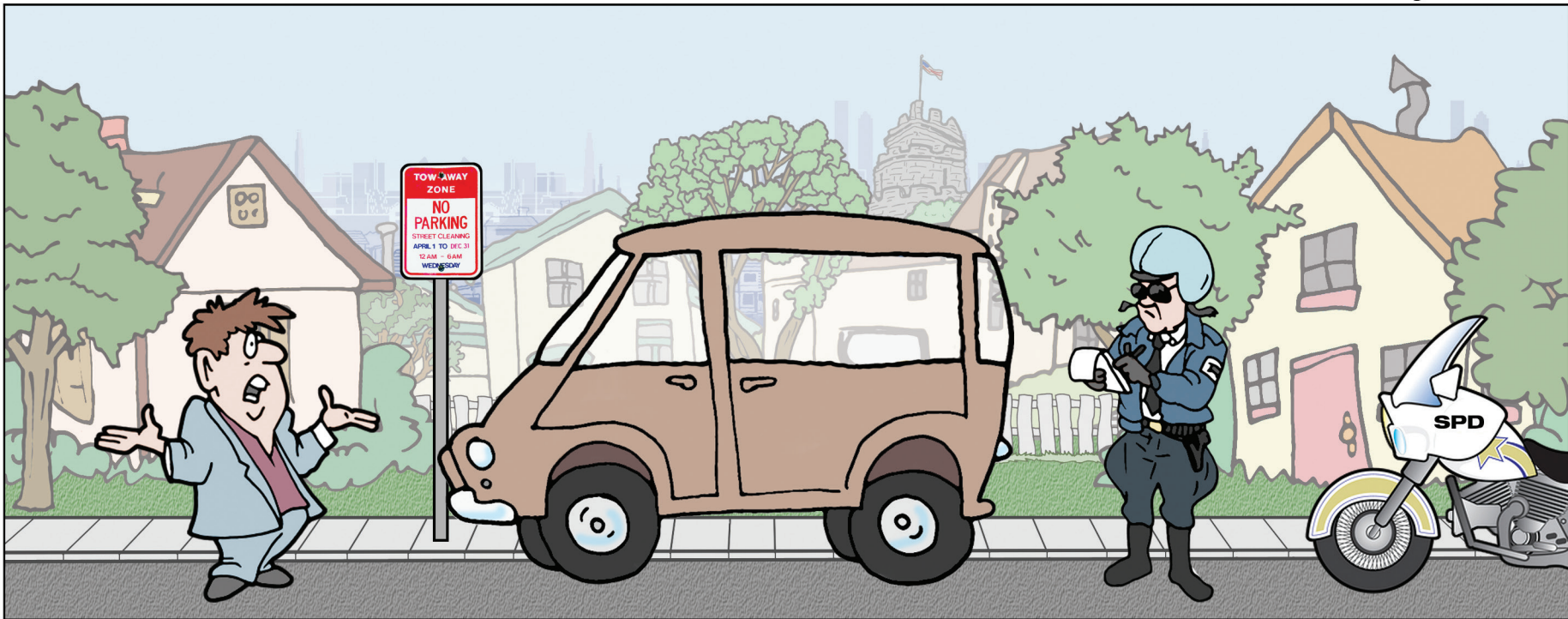
What I do not understand is why some people whose property values have been appreciating at ten percent

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# COMMENTARY

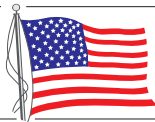
## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't get caught parking in the wrong place on street sweeping day.

## Our View Of The Times



A sure fact of life in our city is that our cars just aren't allowed to stay put. Whether due to snow emergencies in the winter or street cleaning and maintenance in the balmier seasons, we are so often called upon to do the city's bidding when it comes to getting our vehicles – and our wallets – out of harm's way.

It's a relatively small price to pay, how-

ever, when one considers the alternatives. We wouldn't want our residential and commercial areas to be littered with road refuse. Let's not even think what that might do to help boost rodent populations in our already challenged neighborhoods. It's just a matter of keeping up with the schedule and being there to move the vehicles when we need to. The city will do their part.

So, just as a reminder for those whose memories may be a bit fuzzy on the official procedures, or for those who may be new to the area, here is how it goes, according to the city:

"On designated street sweeping days, vehicles must be moved from the side of the street being swept, as noted on signs posted on each street. The penalty for not complying with street sweeping parking regulations is a \$50 fine. Community members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the street sweeping schedule in areas where they park."

Not so hard, really, and an easy way to contribute to the beauty and health of our beloved city.

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will never do away with it. And aren't you upset that the sales tax was increased so that now the city of Somerville gets a part of the sales tax directly? Ask yourself how much more in taxes you want to pay.

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Last week we mentioned that because the **Board subcommittee** didn't do their job on appointments with the **police cadets** instead of confirming them to the full Board in time, they stooped to asking political questions, so the Board had to call an emergency meeting. Well, we heard that meeting was supposed to be at 12 noon because certain members couldn't attend in the evening because of Passover. Someone must have realized that Good Friday is also a Christian holiday and is supposed to be observed from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. It's one of the most celebrated of Christian holidays. So they postponed the meeting to 4:00 p.m. and guess what? Five of the alderman didn't show up. Were some of them on that subcommittee? Who sets the time frame? If the meeting had to be done prior to Monday so that the cadets could start their training, why not have the meeting Saturday? Since they are now getting paid 41K a year for a part time job, why not avoid offending any-

one and have the meeting on Saturday?

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

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Another **Giggles Comedy Night** is coming up, this time for the **Masonic Lodge** on Highland Avenue. Specifically, the **Building Association** is having its **6th**

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

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So, we had 1 or 2 inches of snow – maybe a dusting – on the first day of the month. No snow emergency called day before? No banning of cars day before? And no school cancelling the day before? What's this city coming to? Or maybe **DPW Commissioner Stan Koty** was on another vacation cruise. Doesn't matter, he can't use the two-way in the DPW office as he's barred from it by the union.

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A rumor we're hearing is that **Mayor Joe Curtatone** is calling around various businesses or institutions looking for jobs. It's no surprise, he has told different people he's not going to run for re-election. We also hear several names of some that might be thinking about running for mayor, leaving some wards here open for local races. Of course, a lot can happen in

a year, can't it? But our sources confirm that the mayor is activity looking.

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Speaking of city unions, how come we can buy so many new vehicles, create huge pay raises for city department heads and appointees, and many of the city unions have still been working for several years without a contract. So why are the **new aldermen** not demanding that the city negotiate in good faith a new contract for the many hard working city employees that deserve it? What surprises us is the fact that several unions backed different candidates for office and it's now April and we don't see any pressure from the on **the mayor** to get something done. Maybe the Board is being offered a new pay raise. It's terrible that the Board is not asking questions on why there has been no pay raise.

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Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday **Sue Pye**, of the famous Pye family from Somerville. A great lady and we hope she has a wonderful birthday. Happy birthday to **Tyler Hart**, of the famous Harts. Happily married and we know he must be celebrating a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Pat Scrima**, a great guy and former resident who used to

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# Community Easter Egg Hunt

A free and simple Easter egg hunt took place at the Connexion Community Easter Egg Hunt in East Somerville's Chuckie Harris Park last Saturday afternoon, where there was tons of fun and plenty of eggs.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Somerville Girls Basketball celebration



Somerville Pride and Somerville High Girls Basketball celebrated their season with a banquet at the City Club Tuesday night. T-shirts and awards were given out. Senior Varsity girls were presented with special gifts of a watch and a workout suit from their coach Sheila Freitas-Haley. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is the only US state capital that doesn't have a McDonald's?

2. What musician is sometimes referred to as the fifth Beatle?

3. What is the main ingredient in the Indian dish Biryani?

4. Where is Prague located?

5. What part of the cannabis plant has the highest concentration of THC?

6. Who wears the yellow jersey in the Tour de

France race?

7. What is another name for a Myosotis flowering plant?

8. Who was the author of the novel *Doctor Zhivago*?

9. When was YouTube created?

10. What does POD stand for in the publishing business?

11. What is sushi usually wrapped in?

12. Which band made the albums *Degüello* and *Tejas*?

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen’s Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Metropolitan Pipe and Supply Company for a Flammables License at 30 Inner Belt Road for the storage of 1,215 gallons of flammables, with operations Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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JOHN J. LONG  
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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Thursday, April 19, 2018** in the Atrium, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Somerville Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway, Somerville, MA for an Alteration of Premises, Outdoor Patio.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Lori Batzek**  
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Lori Batzek**  
Administrative Assistant

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Ms. Cam’s

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Olio

Answers

1. Montpelier, Vermont

2. Pete Best

3. Rice

4. The Czech Republic

5. The buds of the female variety

6. The rider who is the overall leader of the race after each of the 20 stages

7. Forget-me-nots

8. Boris Pasternak

9. In 2005, by three former PayPal employees

10. Print on demand variety

11. Edible seaweed

12. ZZ Top

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Somerville High School College and Career Day

Somerville High School hosts the 2018 College and Career Day event on Saturday, April 7th, 9:45am to 1:00pm, offering information about college and career planning for every grade level. This event is for students in grades 9-12 and their families. Guests will have an opportunity to hear advice from admissions counselors, find out about job training programs, learn how to pay for college and how to get scholarships, get tips on finding the right college for you, hear about a range of popular career fields, and more. Snacks, interpreters, and childcare will be provided. Families are encouraged to attend.

Visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/collegecareerday](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/collegecareerday) for more details including the day’s agenda.

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work down at **ISD**. We hope he has a great birthday. Finally, to **Joe Cassaro Sr.**, we hope he has a great birthday as well. To all the others we might have missed, we wish you a happy birthday.

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

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Last week it was pointed out that we missed a couple of birthdays, and we mentioned a couple of names. Well, again we forgot a couple and were reminded that two others celebrated their birthdays. Happy birthday to **Ricky Lewis**, celebrating a week or so ago. Ricky, who currently lives in Florida, was originally from East Somerville. He reads our paper all the time. A big hap-

py birthday to **Rosalee Zammuto**, who is also well-known and still lives here in the city. Rosalee is noted for the wonderful pictures she takes for the **Somerville News Weekly** (not to be confused with us). We wish Rosalee a very nice birthday. Thank you, **Bob**, for letting us know! We think we are covered now. If we missed anyone, let us know.

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We heard that some of the new **Board of Alderman members** were yelling and screaming at various city department heads recently at their subcommittee meetings and being very disrespectful. Some of us remember that in the days of **Mayor Capuano** if that happened to any of his department heads he wouldn’t allow them to appear before any of the BOA’s subcommittee meeting to be mistreated and abused. We guess Mayor Joe isn’t aware of this or doesn’t care so much, since he is allowing it. We thought that the job of the aldermen was to accept or reject the mayor’s appointments, accept or reject the budget and some other minor items. We won’t mention names of those aldermen in question, but we hear that the subcommittee meetings are taped. We also heard that some alderman might want to check and make sure the microphones and camer-

as in the committee room are not on, just saying! We heard some very special conversations happening after the meetings are adjourned, and maybe some alderman might not want to have their words slip out.

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Our own congressman and former mayor **Mike Capuano** held a fundraiser recently in Boston and well over 200 people attended. We hear he raised over \$100K for this one event. Congressman Mike is a good guy, but he has competition this year. He will be looking to wake up that army of his that he had back when he first ran. Hundreds of volunteers. We here at **The Times** didn’t get an invitation, but we had spies there and a few of them and gave us an accurate account. Note: **Mayor Joe Curtatone** wasn’t present!

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**The Somerville Garden Club** presents **Gardening to Attract Native Bees, April 11**, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Nick Dorian**, a first-year Ph.D. student in the Crone Lab at Tufts University, is an ecologist interested in bee biology and conservation, plant-pollinator interactions, and modeling the population dynamics and movement of insects. Nick also has a passion for gardening and has planted

pollinator gardens in Somerville and Medford in part to support urban bees and to raise awareness about their importance. All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are held at the **Tufts Administration Building, (TAB)**, 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop. For additional information please visit [www.somerville-gardenclub.org](http://www.somerville-gardenclub.org).

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**El Sistema Somerville**, the daily after school music program for **Somerville Public Schools**, will be having a **Gala Fundraiser Concert** on **Friday, April 13**, 8:00 p.m., at the **East Somerville Community School auditorium**. The goal for this fundraiser is to raise money to support the costs of music instrument repairs at El Sistema. Their total instrument repair costs will exceed \$4,000 this year, and these donations will help us continue to provide high quality instruments to students in need who could not otherwise afford them. \$10 per person. Students and siblings free. Tickets available from the El Sistema office, ESCS Room 151, Monday – Friday between 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|April 4

**Central Library**  
Wilson reading tutoring  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Central Library**  
Somerville Positive Forces  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 5

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

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

Friday|April 6

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

**East Branch Library**  
Fun Friday Sing-Along with The Music Man!  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|April 7

**Central Library**  
Yoga for Kids with Janine  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|April 9

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

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
6p.m.-6:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday|April 10

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Somerville High School Anime Club  
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Puppet Performance  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|April 11

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

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|April 4

**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.  
Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna with Be Off|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

**Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Casey Neill & The Norway Rats  
Golden Oak  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Thursday|April 5

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti  
grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Baerd, Strangers By Accident |7 p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Broccoli Samurai (Jam)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Après Le Déluge: The Buddy Cole Monologues|7:15 p.m.  
Scott Thompson  
Das Mortal|8:15 p.m.  
Andre Obin  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Alison Keslow Trio  
9 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Boston New Music Initiative: Dramatic Tensions  
8 p.m.|Performance Hall  
AniMatic Boston  
7 p.m.|Café |191 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Derek Gripper  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 6

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Busted Jug |6 p.m.  
Sand Machine, Face Guitars, Crazy Hearse \$10 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi  
The Dunwells with Special Guest Aaron Shadwell|7 p.m.  
Fightin Fridays |10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Ali McGuirk First Fridays  
9:30 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road**  
Call Of Booty  
p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Après Le Déluge: The Buddy Cole Monologues|7:15 p.m.  
Scott Thompson  
Juliana Hatfield|9 p.m.  
Abbie Barrett  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Florie Namir|8 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.  
The Oregon Fail: You Have Died of Comedy|9:30 p.m.  
255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
2018 Sibling Connections Gala  
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Journeys in Sound Presents: Loica & Mestizados : Contemporary Songs w/ South American Roots  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave  
Saturday| April 7

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Stan Martin Band|6 p.m.  
Tad Overbaugh & Late Arrivals, Murphy & The Mess, The Ramp Ups \$10 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m.  
Carla Ryder & the Blue Ribbons|7 p.m.  
Cover Up!|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Monkeys with Crayons  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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**Thunder Road**  
Ghosts Of Jupiter with Special Guests: Matthew Stubbs & The Antiguas  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Après Le Déluge: The Buddy Cole Monologues|7:15 p.m.  
Scott Thompson  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Seraphina James  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Somerville Homeless Coalition: Under the Roof  
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Somerville Songwriter Sessions  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday|April 8

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

**The Burren**  
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.  
Carlin Tripp: “The Shape of the Island” EP Release, with special guests: Jenee Halstead & Matt Borrello|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Ladies Rock Camp Boston April 2018 Showcase

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
The Promise Is Hope + Three at Home  
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Sunday Afternoon Rager of Poetry n' Song  
4 p.m.|Café  
Brew Haha  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
7th Annual CARAs  
12:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday|April 9

**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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Anna Rose, Andrea Nardello (Singer Songwriter)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Doug MacDonald Band  
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

**The Rockwell**  
Smoke And Shadows  
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday|April 10

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
SYM Tuesdays  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**PA’s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Comedy Storm Hosted By Ben Quick and Alex Giampapa (Comedy)  
8 p.m|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Simpsons Trivia|7 p.m.  
Heavy Metal Tuesday|8 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Artist Residency 101: Finding Your Creative Haven  
6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|April 11**  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**

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

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Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
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The A-Beez  
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Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
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**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
The Moth: True Stories Told Live  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|April 4

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

Thursday|April 5

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

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

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

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

Saturday|April 7

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

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

Sunday|April 8

**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 9

**Central Library**  
SMEA E BOARD  
11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Creative Drama Workshop  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Boston Guitar Orchestra Hosts Open Rehearsal  
6 p.m.-8:30 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  
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Tuesday|April 10

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Magpie Puppets** – Thursday, April 5 at our Holland Street Center starting at 11:15 a.m. Shadow Songs and Stories bring favorite songs and stories to life with

cleverly crafted shadow puppets. Lunch and Bingo following the performance. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**History Through The Beatles** – Thursday, April 19 at our Holland Street Center starting at 12:00 p.m. Fran Hart of the 4EverFab group will be performing acoustic based songs of The Beatles along with a video slide show. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. and Bingo immediately following the performance. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Adventure Group** – Please call for details

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

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

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many maritime names that would touch Somerville. Foremost was General George Washington who, after organizing the Colonial Army here, raised its first flag. He also established Washington's Navy, a fleet of successful Colonial privateers. Paul Revere not only carried out his historic ride through Somerville, coming close to being captured, but he also became a major supplier of copper for American ships. His foundry copper-clad the hull of the U.S.S. Constitution and cast its bell. The bell was shot away while battling the British ship H.M.S. Guerriere. This was the War of 1812 battle that earned the Constitution the nickname, Old Ironsides. It is said that the corner of Somerville Avenue and Bow Street was once called Guerriere Square.

Somerville's Alderman Daniel Stillson was the inventor of the wrench that bears his name. As a sailor on the deck of his ship, he witnessed the famous Civil War battle of the C.S.S. Virginia versus the U.S.S. Monitor, nicknamed the "cheese-box on a raft."

On December 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan attacked the American fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, launching America into World War II.

In 1950, Winter Hills' U.S.S. Baltimore VFW Post 9995 was chartered, and unfortunately was destroyed in a three-alarm fire in 1976. It honored the Quincy-built heavy cruiser, which sailed from her homeport of Boston on Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1943. This heavy cruiser went on to earn nine Pacific theater Battle Stars in WW II. For over a month in the summer of 1944, she was top-secret host to President Franklin Roosevelt where he, Admiral Chester Nimitz, and General Douglas MacArthur drew up battle plans for the rest of the war.

What seemed a legion of Somerville men and women joined the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines including the city's Mayor John M. Lynch. He resigned to serve in the Navy becoming a Lieutenant Commander. Somerville's 1942 Cen-

tennial birthday celebrations were cancelled because all eyes, ears, and hearts were put into the war effort. Some of these "greatest generation" heroes who touched Somerville were:

• Admiral Ralph Christie of Belmont Street was the commander of submarines in The Seventh Fleet. He was the highest-ranking flag officer to engage in actual submarine wartime patrols.

• Admiral Alfred Pride of 105 Hudson Street was the first man to land a helicopter on an aircraft carrier, and one of the earliest to land an airplane on a carrier deck. He was considered the most knowledgeable man in the world on aircraft operations.

• Lieutenant John F. Kennedy was commander of the patrol torpedo boat, P.T. 109, and a representative of Somerville in Congress before becoming the 35th President of the United States.

• Joseph Reilly was a veteran World War II sailor who served on the Battle Ship U.S.S. Massachusetts throughout the war and helped save her from being scuttled at the war's end by helping create Battleship Cove, a non-profit maritime museum in Fall River. He was a 24-year veteran of the Somerville Fire Department before losing his life at a fire on June 10, 1974. He is memorialized on the battleship Massachusetts.

• Marine Corps Sergeant Henry Hansen died in battle on Iwo Jima. It was ten days after he and his squad raised the flags on Mount Suribachi.



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After decades of planning, the Green Line Extension Project is ready to begin construction and held a public meeting to share the latest design ideas.



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I am certain that the large majority of Somerville voters

would say “No.” And I would happily see this proven through a ballot measure.

In the meantime, I would advocate two modifications of the proposal currently before the Board. It includes an exemption for those of us who have owned and occupied our homes for more than twenty years. But having enjoyed, on average, a 402%+ increase in our home

values, we are the most able to give to the community that has given so much to us. I believe that the only exemption should be for sellers who are realizing a capital loss.

And asking sellers who will enjoy a windfall to pay the transfer tax is more just than taxing buyers who are struggling to purchase a home in this inflated market. The argument

that 100% of the tax would eventually be included in the sales price is one of those that makes theoretical sense in econ class, but never seems to be fully realized when it encounters the real market’s price elasticity of demand, and externalities.

With or without these modifications, this policy is long overdue. Without a financing source of this magnitude, afford-

able housing efforts will remain feeble, benefitting a few households who fall within a narrow income-distribution range. And we will complete our transition to being a city of the affluent, punctuated by small enclaves of poor folks in public housing, and devoid of the diversity, cultural riches, and bonds of community that made Somerville so attractive in the first place.

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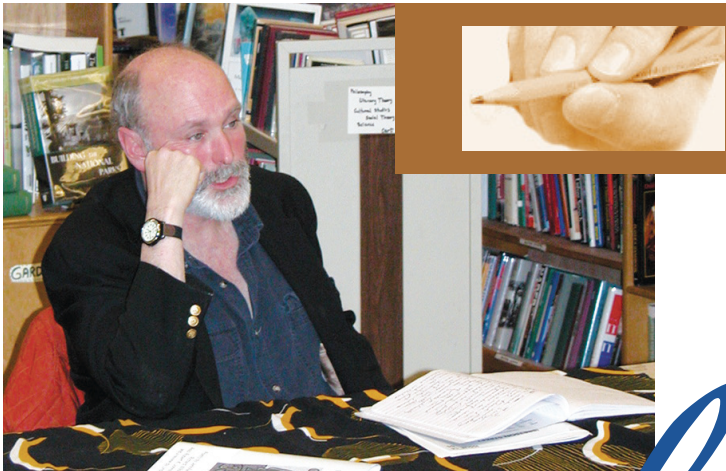
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	5:00pm	DW Focus on Europe	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
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7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY the show	6:30pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Friday, April 6</b>		7:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
9:00am	DW Global 3000	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Science 360
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	4:30pm	NASA TV
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	10:00am	NASA TV	<b>Sunday, April 8</b>		6:00pm	SMC youth Media
2:00pm	SOM ARTS	11:00am	SOM ARTS	12:00am	Flotilla	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:30pm	SMC Presents
4:00pm	NASA TV	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	3:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:00pm	Physicians Focus	1:30pm	Physicians focus	6:00am	NASA TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:30pm	Going Postal	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	10:00pm	Donnie steubins
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 languages	2:30pm	The World Fusion Show	8:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	11:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
7:00pm	Donnie Steubins	3:00pm	Democracy Now	6:00am	NASA TV	<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	4:00pm	Gay USA	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	8:00am	Tele Magazine	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
9:30pm	SMC Member Submissions	5:30pm	What's New in Massachusetts?	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	10:00am	Art and Ideas	7:30am	Esoteric Science
10:30pm	Ojo Rojo	6:30pm	The Real Estate Answers Show	10:30am	DW Conflict Zone	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>				12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	12:30pm	Effort Pour Christ	10:00am	SMC Roundtable
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:30pm	Teen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	SOM Arts	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:30pm	Cambridge Calendar	3:00pm	African Television Network	11:30am	Beyond the Badge
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	5:00pm	SMC Member Submissions	1:00pm	Words on Film
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	11:30pm	Totally Working Out	5:30pm	Reeling Review	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	<b>Saturday, April 7</b>		6:00pm	The Grandstanders	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	The Kamla Show	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	The Real Estate Answers Show	4:00pm	Perils for Pedestrians
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	7:00pm	Gay USA	4:30pm	Teen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media
11:00am	Art and Ideas	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	New England Pride TV	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:30am	The Real Estate Answers Show	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Words on Film	6:00pm	SCOUTV
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Tele Magazine	10:00pm	The Boston Medium	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
3:00pm	Democracy Now!	8:00am	Democracy Now	10:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
4:00pm	SMC Roundtable	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
5:00pm	Words on Film	10:00am	Dead Air Live	<b>Monday, April 9</b>		9:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:30pm	SMC Presents
6:30pm	Greater Somerville	12:00pm	Telegalaxie	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	Public Access Boyz
7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	African Television Network	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	10:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash
7:30pm	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:30am	Going Postal	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:30pm	SMC Member Submissions
		4:00pm	The World Fusion Show	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show		
		4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?				

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<b>Wednesday, April 4</b>							
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout	9:30am	SomerViva em Português	11:01pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration
9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Wil Mbah	11:30am	Aldermen at Work - Wil Mbah	<b>Sunday, April 8</b>		1:33pm	Talking Business
9:30am	Greek Independence Day Celebration	12:00pm	Legislative Matters Committee	12:00am	Senior Circuit	2:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol
11:30am	Women's History Month Celebration	6:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30am	SomerViva em Portugues	2:30pm	Middlesex County Update
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 4.2.18	7:00pm	Middlesex County Update	1:01am	Aldermen at Work - Wil Mbah	3:00pm	BOA Land Use Committee
6:00pm	Legislative Matters Committee	7:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	2:00am	BOA Land Use Committee	6:30pm	BOA Legislative Matters Committee
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>				8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Balance & Fall Prevention	<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	
12:00am	BOA Land Use Committee	8:00pm	Women's History Month Celebration	9:00am	SomerViva em Portugues	12:00am	Women's History Month Celebration
8:30am	Congressional Update	8:20pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Wil Mbah	8:30pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration	10:00am	SomerViva en Espanol	1:00am	Aldermen at Work - Wil Mbah
11:30am	Congressional Update	9:33pm	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	11:30am	Senior Circuit	1:30am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	11:00pm	SomerViva em Português	12:00pm	Congressional Update	8:30am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
12:30pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration	<b>Saturday, April 7</b>		12:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Wil Mbah	9:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
1:33pm	Talking Business	12:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	1:00pm	Legislative Matters Committee	11:30am	SomerViva em Portugues
2:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	1:03am	Rally Point	1:30pm	Middlesex County Update	12:01pm	Senior Circuit
2:30pm	SomerViva em Português	1:32am	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	6:30pm	Senior Circuit	12:30pm	Rally Point
6:00pm	BOA Legislative Matters Committee	3:00am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	7:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol	1:00pm	BOA Legislative Matters Committee
11:00pm	Congressional Update	9:00am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout	8:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Wil Mbah	6:30pm	Congressional Update
<b>Friday, April 6</b>				8:30pm	BOA Land Use Committee	7:00pm	Senior Circuit
12:00am	Senior Circuit	11:30am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	<b>Monday, April 9</b>		7:30pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration
12:30am	Women's History Month Celebration	12:00pm	Rally Point	12:00am	Senior Circuit	8:33pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
1:00am	Greek Independence Day Celebration	12:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	12:30am	School Committee Meeting - 4.2.18	10:00pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year
2:30am	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	1:33pm	Talking Business	8:30am	Middlesex County Update	<b>Wednesday, April 11</b>	
8:30am	Talking Business	2:00pm	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	9:00am	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	12:00am	Senior Circuit
9:00am	Middlesex County Update	6:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 4.2.18	11:30am	Congressional Update	12:30am	MLK Jr. Day Celebration
		10:00pm	SomerViva em Portugues	12:00pm	Women's History Month Celebration	2:00am	SomerViva em Portugues
		10:31pm	Congressional Update				

Educational TV 15 Schedule

<b>Wednesday, April 4</b>							
9:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester	10:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere	5:00pm	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year	9:30am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS
11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem	<b>Friday, April 6</b>		7:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	10:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester
1:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert 2018	12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	8:00pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	12:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem
2:00pm	Argenziano School Winter Concert	1:30am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS	9:00pm	Our Schools, Our City	2:00pm	Argenziano School MLK Concert
3:00pm	Our Schools, Our City	2:00am	Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School	9:30pm	SHS Football vs CRLS	3:00pm	The Bilingual Brain Symposium
3:35pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	2:30am	Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School	<b>Sunday, April 8</b>		4:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge
4:05pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	3:00am	Public Domain Theater	12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem	6:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School
5:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester	9:00am	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	1:45am	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year	6:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS
7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem	11:00am	Healey School Winter Concert	3:30am	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester
9:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert 2018	12:00pm	All-City Beginners' Concert	9:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Beverly	9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem
10:00pm	Argenziano School Winter Concert	1:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winthrop	10:30am	Our Schools, Our City	11:00pm	SHS BOYS HOOPS 2017-18
11:00pm	Our Schools, Our City	2:30pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	11:00am	Healey School Winter Concert	<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	
11:30pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	3:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert	12:00pm	All-City Beginners' Concert	12:00am	SHS BOYS HOOPS 2017-18
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>				1:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winthrop	12:30am	SHS FOOTBALL 2017
12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett	4:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	2:30pm	WSNS Winter Concert	9:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert
1:30am	WSNS Winter Concert 2018	5:00pm	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	3:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert	10:00am	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters
9:00am	SHS Boys Basketball @ Woburn	7:00pm	Healey School Winter Concert	4:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	12:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball @ Woburn
10:30am	Healey School Winter Concert	8:00pm	All-City Beginners' Concert	5:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Beverly	1:30pm	SHS BOYS HOOPS 2017-18
11:30am	WSNS Winter Concert 2018	9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winthrop	6:30pm	Our Schools, Our City	2:00pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017
12:30pm	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	10:30pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	7:00pm	Healey School Winter Concert	3:00pm	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year
1:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere	11:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert	8:00pm	All-City Beginners' Concert	4:30pm	Argenziano School MLK Concert
2:30pm	Our Schools, Our City	<b>Saturday, April 7</b>		9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winthrop	5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City
3:00pm	All-City Beginners' Concert	12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	10:30pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	6:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert
4:00pm	SHS Hockey v Lynn C.	1:15am	SHS Hockey vs Swampscott	11:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert	7:00pm	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters
5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	<b>Monday, April 9</b>		9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball @ Woburn
6:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball @ Woburn	9:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert	12:00am	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	10:30pm	SHS BOYS HOOPS 2017-18
7:30pm	Healey School Winter Concert	10:00am	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	2:00am	SHS FOOTBALL 2017	11:00pm	SHS GIRLS HOOPS 2017-18
8:30pm	SHS Student Health Survey 2018	11:00am	SHS Football vs CRLS	2:30am	Argenziano School MLK Concert	11:30pm	SHS FOOTBALL 2017
		3:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am	SHS GIRLS HOOPS 2017-18
						12:30am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Beverly



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Just Drive

On a given night at ten in summer  
I am driving someone or other's car  
through wet turns in Essex, Manchester,  
half expecting the road to disappear.  
  
My window is open like the windows  
in the lamp-lit houses I pass  
where someone stands at a dark bureau  
arranging or emptying a vase.

The night air is a radio tuned  
to a voice out of Rome or Boston,  
but the signal is weak, or it's turned  
down too low, like someone left it on.

Strapped in behind the pull of the engine  
and the high beams, I begin to hope  
my lane will lift up over the ocean,  
right off the scale of any map.

But the moon's tank is half empty  
in the gaps where the overlooks are.  
These roads all lead back to my driveway.  
I'll leave those borrowed keys in the car.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Unquiet Vigil

New and Selected Poems



Off the Shelf correspondent Dennis Daly recently made a pilgrimage to the wilds of Kentucky and met a monk. The monk writes poetry. Dennis reviews poetry. Here is the result:

Unquiet Vigil  
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Review by Dennis Daly

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Out of great silence and temporal restraint comes an exquisite rush of words and, in turn, transcendental passion. Paul Quenon, in his latest book, *Unquiet Vigil*, belies the conventional understanding of repetitive monastic rituals, mystic self-abnegation, and meandering walls that delimit (at least metaphorically) wandering monks from worldly desires and ambitions. Quenon's words soar with freedom's exhilarating ardor, sustained by the fearlessness of his faith and the innate disposition of his environment, an unusual combination. Or, perhaps not. His poetry does not filter; it simply records quiet rhythms and perceives the essential forms of nature in compelling ways.

Born in West Virginia coal country, Quenon entered Our Lady of Gethsemani Trappist monastery, near Bardstown Kentucky, in 1958 at the age of seventeen. His novice master, spiritual advisor, and poetry mentor was the renowned Thomas Merton. For the last twenty or so years the monastery has supported Quenon's artistic endeavors (he has published five previous books of poetry and produced some extraordinary photography).

Opening with coy flirtation, the collection draws the reader in with a potent dynamic, a mini morality play entitled *Gone Missing*. Poetry solicits the poet. At the same time the poet seeks his poems-to-be through the forest of life, using his senses, following tell-tale signs. Does the quest enable the art? Consider these personified lines,

... I am a poem without a poet.  
He has gone missing for weeks  
and my house is empty. Suffer me awhile,  
or go, and if you meet him—  
he with the distant look and shambling gait—  
tell him the hearth is cooling down.

I won't know a thing for days,  
He takes to a walk-about  
And never pays me notice.  
What kind of life is that?

Yet I've never expected different—  
I'm glad he just comes back at all.

Quenon at his best conjures up natural images after internalizing them into a spiritual duality of connection and timelessness. The meditations that result are breathtaking descriptions of the human heart, a calming existentialism of sorts. Here's a selection from Quenon's piece entitled *Transpiration* in which the poet melds "white ranges of cumulus" with the "leafy hoards crowding below" into a single awe-inducing process, both metaphysical and natural,

Two solemn masses, two summer throngs  
Breathing one sunlit worship.

Two transfigurations:  
Vapor heaving updrafts to evanesce into light;  
Groundwater exhaling into wind through roiling foliage.

Transubstantiation—that's all  
Of you and me. We vanish into light—

Erwin Schrodinger's famous thought experiment, Schrodinger's Cat, testing quantum physics takes center stage in Quenon's poem *The Un-Named Cat* Merton. The source of the piece is an unpublished photograph showing a dead Thomas Merton being prepared for burial. The poet observes the scene through a sub-atomic indeterminacy perspective. Here the quantum world becomes the spiritual world metaphorically (or not metaphorically). Observation determines reality. The subject of the camera is both dead and alive. Of course Merton still does live through his books, his faith, and

as part of a brotherhood. In his case, faith and brotherhood are inseparable. Quenon, in the heart of the poem, introduces the concept's universality by alluding to ancient Sri Lankan Buddhist sculptures,

Two stone Buddhas at  
Polonnaruwa,  
the one awake, standing,  
the other lies asleep.

Both, when you are jerked clear  
Out of the habitual,  
Half-tied vision of things  
Are one Buddha  
Asleep and awake.

In his poem *Restless Silence*, Quenon discovers anew many of the questions that emanate from observational and audacious simplicity. Both poet and object engage in a kind of silent dialogue, a dialogue on nature, humanity's mutability, and alienation. The poet elegantly concludes this way,

A pigeon leaves a tree for another tree.

I can hear the sun  
grazing the dusty grass,  
until a breeze interrupts briefly  
then settles for ... a something...

Was it here already and gone?  
Or was it only here  
so I would come and wait?

Why this sadness when,  
yielding to restlessness,  
I rise and abandon what  
never knows abandonment?

Just for its title alone, *Confessions of a Dead-Beat Monk*, would be my favorite poem in the collection. However, the piece offers quite a bit more. As the poet describes the routine and sameness of a monk's life, excitement sneaks in. Words such as prodigious, bitter, sweet, gold, treasure, secret, and enigma appear. Even humdrum chores are punctuated by exclamation points. Quenon, sly and skillful poet that he is, turns the piece into a celebration of monkhood and a lingering celebration at that. The piece begins thusly,

Of course, I've sat the same bench  
brushing off flies and thoughts,  
how many years? What winters of  
silence and summer variations,

what prodigious mockingbirds  
I've heard! And that kitchen job!  
Broccoli and spuds on Mondays,  
rice twice a week, and Oh,

toasted cheese sandwiches,  
Fridays! This diet of psalms,  
fifty and hundred, runs ever  
on from bitter to sweet ...

Quenon's delicately phrased poem, *Mountain Climb*, goes way beyond the obvious metaphor into a meditational understanding of self and its concomitant contentment. He notes, perceptively, the constant change inherent in sameness. As his dream-time vision fades, he commits to memory what he can, and that is enough. The poet reminisces,

I have been here before,  
explored alone the route  
that only I know. It is familiar  
though changed—  
always familiar, though  
never twice the same.  
I have the energy  
to take the long irregular climb.

I arrive at the summit  
totally alone. Something absolute  
grips my senses. I all but breathe it in.

Breathing in Brother Paul Quenon's poems rewards with revelation after revelation. This soul-shaking writer turns solitude into wonderment. Quenon, unlike most poets, is not much of a self-promoter. Too bad. He deserves a much wider audience. Think world-wide. Get his book. Spread the word.



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