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City looks to boost voter turnout by making registration easier



Voter registration may become easier and more accessible if a plan put forward by the city to do so can be fashioned and implemented.

By Jim Clark

A resolution to find ways to make voter registration more accessible and making voting itself easier for high school students was put forward and approved at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Alderman last Thursday.

The resolution, put forward by Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen, asks that the City Solicitor draft an ordinance relating to voter registration accessibility, which would require voter registration forms to be available and prominently displayed at all Somerville Public Libraries, public-facing Somerville Public School facilities for eligible students and their parents or guardians, and the Somerville Traffic and Parking Department, and would allow high school students to arrive late to school on any election day provided that they present proof of voting.

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PorchFest brings music to every corner of Somerville

By Emily Blackwood

Eight kids are seated criss-cross applesauce at the end of a driveway. They start cheering before the song even begins and impatiently wait for the show to start by throwing little bits of paper at their friend, Finley Scobel.

Sitting center stage with his drum kit that reads "The Hoopers," Scobel will tell you he's 5-and-7/8-years old. It's clear by his black glitter pants and dark sunglasses that the kid was born to rock.

The young music prodigy was just one of over 250 musical acts put on a show in the front yards of Somerville in this year's PorchFest. The citywide event began in 2011 and is hosted by the Somerville Arts Council.

Everything from nerd rap to folk-rock hippy country to "glammy poppy punky" music made an appearance.

PorchFest will be held in surrounding Boston neighborhoods this summer, Continued on page 12



The Hoopers (L to R: Merrie Amsterburg, bass; Clayton Scoble, vocals/guitar/harmonica; Peter Linton, guitar; and Finley Scoble, drums) entertained at PorchFest 2018. — Photo by Laura Sewrey Scoble

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This Friday, May 18, 7:00 p.m., the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation presents its **2018 drawing** to help our students that are graduating. The drawing is for the chance to win \$10K plus by selling \$100 tickets. If you have done this in the past you know how it's done. Make out a check payable to the S.H.S. Scholarship Foundation and mail it to SHS Raffle c/o Joesph Favaloro, PO Box 440275, Somerville 02145. Or you can call **Joe** at 617-666-8473 or **Gene Brune** at 617-628-5835. As soon as they receive your check they will mail out the ticket(s) to you. Only a certain number of tickets are being sold, so hurry up. Help a student and get the chance to win \$10K. The drawing is held at the **Highlander Café, Somerville High School.** Refreshments will be served.

On **Saturday night, May 19,** the **Little Sisters of the Poor** are having their **Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner**, "sharing the vision of St. Jeanne Jugan 150th anniversary in the U.S.A." A **Vigil Mass of Pentecost** in the chapel with **Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap. Archbishop of Boston** will be held at 4:30 p.m. The Fundraising Dinner and program will follow across the street at the **Center for the Arts at the Armory** at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to make a

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Somerville PorchFest postponed to Sunday, May 13*

Old Taxpayer says:

Already my friend out in a request for the day off to service the elderly as last year it was just impossible to get to their homes due to the people just ignoring her and keeping her from her job. Bathing and helping them get dressed and feeding them and giving them their medications. No one seems to realize the impact these things have on people. Take it to the park and play. We can't treat the incapacitated in this manner.when their is an easy solution. I am sorry that your good time hurts so many of our needed people.

Elaine says:

This started out as a nice community event, but's it's become an excuse for a lot of students and 20-30 year olds to drink in the streets and block access. They feel entitled to do as they please and couldn't care less about others. That's what Somerville has become.

Genie Geronimo says:

Whine whine, whine whine whine. Whine whine whine whine whine – whine whine? Whine! Whine whine. Whine whine whine whine“whine whine“. Whine.

Villenous says:

PorchFest rules. Got a slice of all ages and demographics who play and enjoy it. One of the best days of the year in Somerville. Some people just gotta be miserable.

Elaine says:

All ages and demographics? Tell that to the 200 mostly white college kids drinking beer and smoking pot on our street and sitting on our stoop. I guess we're just supposed to look the other way now.

Somerbreeze says:

If PorchFest really represents a good cultural cross-section of Somerville, I hope we get to see photos and videos reflecting that cross-section. Then we'll know that this venue doesn't involve mostly college kids and millennials.

johnnie says:

This is being moved to Mother's Day?? Are they serious? People in my neighborhood are coming and going all day on Mother's Day. If someone doesn't take control of this someone will get hurt due to the way they block the streets and refuse to let people by. And people are expected to visit with their families when you can't hear yourself think during this?

Old Taxpayer says:

Precisely Johnnie. Tufts has a big field and why not do it there? I really don't care if they want to smoke a joint or drink but they do not let people go about their business and they do block the streets and it is way out of control. Move it to a place where they can enjoy their good time.

JPHM says:

I live near Teele Square and we have musicians on our street at every Porch Fest, I have frequently had to drive out from my street and have NEVER once had a problem coming or going. I just drive out slow, people part and I drive through. I have never had any group of people refuse to move or block me in. That is pure fiction by people who like to complain all the time. I own in Somerville and I am happy to see people having a good time. In fact my in laws who are in their mid to late 60s come in from metro west to enjoy. I have NEVER seen any bad conduct or even heard people swearing. You complainers really need to look in the mirror. And“Old Taxpayer” – I pay tax (probably a lot more than you do)- and I am happy to see this festival.

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John Connolly

Somerville police detective fired from force

By Jim Clark

According to a report published in *The Boston Globe*, a Somerville Police Department detective has been let go by the city over a 2015 incident in which the officer, Dante DiFronzo, allegedly aided a drug dealer in finding his rival, which led to a near fatal stabbing.

The termination followed a disciplinary hearing conducted by the department which examined DiFronzo's involvement in the incident. According to the findings, an informant used by the by the detective broke into the home of a man who allegedly stole marijuana from the dealer, at which time the assault occurred.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone publicly announced the firing by issuing the following statement on Wednesday: "After reviewing the findings of fact from the public hearing on Somerville Police Officer Dante DiFronzo's documented actions, Officer DiFronzo is no longer employed by the Somerville Police Department. The residents of Somerville must have confidence that the sworn men and women of the Somerville Police Department will not only protect public safety but also discharge their duties with the utmost integrity. We are deeply proud of the excellence in service, honor, and



Former SPD Detective Dante DiFronzo.

dedication of the Somerville Police force. As Mayor, I have a duty to maintain that excellence by holding accountable officers who violate the Department's standards of conduct."

Following the dismissal, DiFronzo's lawyer said that he felt the hearing process was biased and that the decision will be appealed for arbitration.

DiFronzo went on paid administrative leave in 2016 pending results from the investigation.

Greentown Labs opens Global Center for Cleantech Innovation



— Photo by Donald Norton

Greentown Labs, the largest clean technology incubator in the United States, officially opened its expansion site, the Global Center for Cleantech Innovation on Wednesday of last week.

Saint-Gobain, one of the world's largest building materials companies and manufacturer of innovative material solutions, contributed building science expertise and building products from its family of companies to renovate a historic building that is now the home to 80 cleantech startup companies that are working to solve climate challenges with their hardware-focused innovations.

The grand opening was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, as well as cleantech leaders from around the country, including Minas Apelian, Vice President of CertainTeed R&D, Quality and Global Director of NOVA External Ventures at Saint-Gobain.

Saint-Gobain created a first-of-its-kind partnership with Greentown Labs, located in Somerville, in 2014. The partner-

ship is an initiative of NOVA, the external ventures arm of Saint-Gobain, which connects startups with the company's resources to nurture their ideas and grow their companies to scale.

Saint-Gobain was the first and largest example of a corporation using the expansion facility as a test site for its products and materials. As a Founding Sponsor of Greentown Labs, the expansion site presented an opportunity for the company to enhance its support of the incubator and its own research and development efforts by providing building materials to make the Center a world-class facility that maximizes the comfort and well-being of members of Greentown Labs.

The Global Center for Cleantech Innovation is adjacent to the incubator's previous headquarters, which will be fully converted to laboratory space. The Greentown Labs campus now provides its members with prototyping lab space, a wet lab, a machine shop, electronics shop, office space for more than 450 entrepreneurs and a 500-person event space.

— more photos on page 8.

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'THE WEEK IN CRIME'

By Jim Clark

Their money's no good in this town

Police officers were dispatched to the Star Market on McGrath Highway on reports of counterfeit \$100 dollar bills being passed by a customer.

Upon arrival, the officers were directed to a woman walking across the parking lot and they drove over to question her.

The woman, identified as Angela Cooper-Sherrod, of Roxbury was asked if she knew the two \$100 dollar bills she used in the store were counterfeit, and she reportedly said that the girl at the counter had told her so.

The officers asked Co-

per-Sherrod if she knew where she got them, and she reportedly said she got them at another supermarket.

According to reports, Cooper-Sherrod said that she had too many twenties, so she went to the supermarket to change them into hundreds.

Cooper-Sherrod then reportedly took out a \$20 bill from her pocketbook and said, "here you can have this too." When asked why she would offer the money she reportedly replied, "because I don't want it."

The officers asked Co-

per-Sherrod why she came to the Star Market in Somerville, and she reportedly said she came to buy meat. When asked if there were any supermarkets closer to her house, she reportedly said she thought so, but she didn't like some of them. She also said that said this Star Market was open later, even though the Star Market located on Morrissey Blvd. in Dorchester is open until 12:00 a.m. as well.

When asked her where her car was, Cooper-Sherrod said her sister, later identified as Corinne Nurse-Sherrod, of Brookline

had it. She added that her sister had been waiting for her in the car, but left while she was in the store.

During this questioning, the officers were informed by another officer who called and said that the serial numbers on the counterfeit bills matched those involved in similar incidents.

The reporting party told police that Cooper-Sherrod was accompanied in the store by another woman, who left earlier. Based on a description of the woman and her vehicle, police located and identified her as

Corinne Nurse-Sherrod, Angela's sister. She was subsequently questioned by police officers at that location in Cambridge.

Both Angela and Corinne were subsequently placed under arrest. Police conducted a search, during which time a third counterfeit \$100 bill with the same serial number as the others was located in Angela's wallet.

Corinne Nurse-Sherrod was charged with a count of conspiracy, and Angela Cooper-Sherrod was charged with possession of a counterfeit note, utter counterfeit note, and conspiracy.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Douglas Brioso, of 12 Wright St., Stoneham, May 7, 11:33 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition, firearm serial number defaced, and drug possession to distribute.

Woodly Dodieu, of 37 Johnson St., Taunton, May 8, 8:02 p.m., arrested at New Washington St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, drug possession to distribute, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Corinne Nurse-Sherrod, of 337 St. Paul St., Brookline, May 8, 10:39 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of conspiracy and

on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, conspiracy, and utter false instrument.

Angela Cooper-Sherrod, of 4 Winslow St., Roxbury, May 8, 10:39 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of possession of a counterfeit note, utter counterfeit note, and conspiracy.

Taris Wilson, of 93 Camden St., Boston, May 9, 6:21 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug and receiving stolen property under \$250.

Juan Molina, May 10, 12:07 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and removal of theft prevention device, and on warrant charges of trespassing and possession of a

class B drug.

Valdecir Deaguair, of 4 Evergreen Ave., May 10, 7:30 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, improper operation of a motor vehicle, and passing violation.

Stephen Remick, May 11, 1:14 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of disorderly conduct, assault, threat to commit a crime, trespassing, open and gross lewdness, and accosting or annoying a person of the opposite sex.

Vladimir Edmond, of 110 Jackson Place, Cambridge, May 11, 1:42 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older.

Eddy Manuel Ruiz-Monistas, of 69 Franklin Hill Ave., Dorchester, May 11, 6:17 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on charges of RMV document forgery or misuse, distribution of a class B drug, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and on warrant charges of RMV document forgery or misuse, drug possession to distribute, motor vehicle operator failure to identify self, window obstructed or non-transparent, identity fraud, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, false statement on license application, and RMV document forgery or misuse.

Abdul Ahmed, of 1370

Broadway, May 11, 10:42 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, receiving stolen property under \$250, and soliciting for prostitute.

Charles Burke, of 70 Flint St., May 12, 12:34 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute, trafficking in heroin, morphine, or opium, and possession of cocaine to distribute.

Christian Woods, of 18 Church St., Cambridge, May 13, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of forgery of check, larceny by check under \$250, shoplifting by asportation, resisting arrest, utter false check, and assault and battery on a police officer.

City looks to boost voter turnout by making registration easier

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Speaking in favor of the resolution, Ewen-Campen said, "I believe that we should be pushing for 100 percent voter turnout. I think this has always been a major issue with municipal elections. I think this means things like automatic voter registration. I think election days should be holidays. I also firmly believe that every single person who lives here should be allowed to vote. That would include, like, my best friend's wife who has a green card, pays taxes, has the kids, can't vote."

Ewen-Campen admitted that the city could not do those particular things at the local level.

Instead, he has focused on those things that can be done. "The first idea that I put in was an idea from Seattle to have landlords give voter registration information to tenants" Ewen-Campen said. "Apparently, that requires a Home Rule Petition. Don't want to do that right now. This is something that Boston has just done, I believe the councilors, they can put it in. And the idea is basically to require voter registration forms to be very kind of prominent at all kind of public facing city places such as schools. When parents come in or students who are old enough to vote."

According to Ewen-Campen, this would also be done at the Department of Traffic and Parking, at public libraries, etc.

"Another thing that the Boston ordinance does is when people are applying for resident parking passes, it's an opt out system, basically, in Boston," said Ewen-Campen. "So it'll collect your date of birth and it'll basically automatically give your information to the Election Department, unless you opt out. So that's what I'm asking for here, is for something similar to that to be drafted."

The entire Board signed on to and approved the resolu-



Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen is advocating for a system for voter registration similar to one recently put in place by the City of Boston.

tion, which will move on to the Legislative Matters Com-

mittee for further review and final disposition.

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12th annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference navigates social issues

By Shira Laucharoen

“What’s the point of building that new high school if families that immigrated here can’t live here?” asked youth organizer Javier Grullon in his speech *Luxury We Can’t Afford*.

Gentrification and the changes to the city of Somerville are one topic addressed in the urgent, socially aware discussion generated by the 12th annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference, held at Somerville High School on May 12.

The theme for this year’s production, organized by The Center for Teen Empowerment, was *A Tale of Two Cities: Voices Unheard*, a title meant to reflect divisions created by an economically transforming Somerville, as well as the lifestyles that youth engage in.

The program was dedicated to Tenzin Kunkhyen and Kevin Raymond, two teens whose lives were lost due to gun violence. Throughout the evening, students

addressed the issues that young people face, while the event gave them a voice in the community to express the challenges they encounter on a day-to-day basis.

“The stories are very truthful to what happens in Somerville,” said youth organizer Jadrianis Vega. “It’s more than empowering; it is reality. It’s what’s going on – gentrification, bad relationships, youth pregnancies, and drug dealing, a lot of stuff that happens here.”

The conference followed a theatrical storyline about the experiences young adults face, interspersed with original raps, songs, and speeches written by students. Subjects covered included substance abuse, domestic violence, immigration, and police injustice. In *Princess 2.0*, performers Smirline Jacques and Ruby Manolson Russell told a feminist tale of the heroism and strength of young women, while in *A New Narrative*, Samuel Jean-Francois called for racial equality, describing the problem, “An issue is not



Sawyer “Thomas” Lawson performed a rap at the Somerville Youth Peace Conference, “A Tale of Two Cities: Voices Unheard,” on May 12.
— Photo by Shira Laucharoen

an issue until it affects the white majority.”

While the title *A Tale of Two Cities* illustrated a situation where families cannot find affordable housing, it also told the unspoken story of youth encountering street culture and gang violence, navigating their own paths through a storm of social issues.

The production was coordinated through Teen Empowerment, an organization that employs youth and offers them the opportunity to become leaders and enactors of change. The conference was organized with the support of 30 youth organizers and youth associates, while youth mental wellness ambassadors led a healing ceremony at the close of the evening. Through the performance, students were able to offer their views and address the tensions in their society, in an effort to find resolution.

“There are multiple perspectives to things,” said program coordinator Stephanie Santiago. “Sometimes you need to step out from your own self to listen to someone else and put yourself in their shoes, and that’s the only way we can move forward as a community.”

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of May 7-11.

RAISE AGE FROM 18 TO 21 TO PURCHASE TOBACCO (H 4479)

House 147-4, approved and sent to the Senate a bill raising from 18 to 21 the age to legally purchase cigarettes and electronic cigarettes in the Bay State. Other provisions ban e-cigarettes and other vape devices from the workplace and prohibit pharmacies and health care facilities from selling any tobacco products and vape products.

“When teens start smoking, studies show that they often become smokers for life,” said Rep. Kate Hogan (D-Stow), Chair of the Committee on Public Health. “Youth are particularly susceptible to nicotine addiction and fall victim every day to the damaging effects nicotine has on the developing brain, heart, and lungs. The legislation passed by the House aims to prevent our kids from starting a dangerous habit that can last a lifetime.”

“Today is a real victory for Massachusetts youth,” said Dr. Lynda Young, pediatrician and Chair of Tobacco Free Mass. “I see kids in my practice who are already addicted—to cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco. Raising the age of sale will help break that cycle.”

“... Simply changing 18 to 21 in our current state law, will have a profound and lasting impact for generations to come [by] saving thousands of lives and billions of dollars,” said Rep. Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham), the sponsor of one of the original bills that was rolled into this new version that was approved last week. “To me, there is nothing more meaningful in our role as policy makers than that. By raising the age to purchase to 21 we eliminate smoking from the high school social setting and give teenagers time to make a more informed decision about whether or not to begin the oftentimes deadly habit of smoking.”

“You can vote at 18. You can serve in the military at 18. You should be able to buy cigarettes at 18,” said Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover) one of four representatives who voted against the bill.

Rep. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick) noted that supporters of the age hike stated that 90 percent of tobacco users start smoking before the age of 18, yet current laws prohibit the sale to youths under 18. “Current laws did not curb tobacco use and neither will adding yet another law to the books. We need to educate people and incentivize them to make responsible choices in life.”

“At the age of 18 in Massachusetts, one can get married, get a tattoo, get your FID [Firearms Identification Card], serve in the military and vote in elections,” said Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica). “If at 18 in Massachusetts you have the right to make these major decisions, I’m not convinced that taking away the right to purchase tobacco makes sense. In addition, the research fails to show that taking away the ability to purchase tobacco from adults will make significant impacts on stopping underaged smoking.”

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

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

CHANGES IN PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING (S 2506)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would make changes to the way public schools are distributed funds by the state. The bill is a response to the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission that in 2015 reported that the current funding formula and system underestimates the cost of education by \$1 billion to \$2 billion every year.

The 1993 Education Reform Act established a “Foundation Budget” to make sure all school districts could provide their students with a quality education.

This current proposal requires the Secretary of Administration and Finance and the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means to hold a public hearing and then meet annually to determine an implementation schedule to fulfill the recommendations of the commission. Another provision permits the implementation schedule to be changed by the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means chairs to reflect changes in enrollment, inflation, student populations or other factors that may affect the remaining costs in the schedule.

Supporters of the bill said that the 1993 formula is outdated and failed to consider the costs of skyrocketing health care and special education, and understated the funding to provide the resources necessary to close achievement gaps between affluent and poor students.

“This is an historic day for Massachusetts,” said Massachusetts Teacher’s Association President Barbara Madelon. “We are hearing from a growing number of school districts that the lack of funding is taking a toll on our students. It’s time to update the funding formula to guarantee students in our low-income urban and rural districts the same opportunities as students have in our affluent suburbs.”

“Every year, schools are being forced to cut critical programs and our state has one of the worst achievement gaps in the country — one of the core problems the Foundation Budget was supposed to address when we first created it in 1993,” said Sen. Sonia Chang Diaz (D-Boston), the sponsor of the bill, on her Facebook page. “This bill will repair our 25-year-old education funding formula — to give schools the resources they need to give every student a quality education. Thanks to my colleagues for standing behind these important reforms, and all of the students, teachers, parents, administrators, school committees, education experts, and concerned community leaders who have pushed for these reforms year after year.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PROHIBIT BUSINESSES FROM PHOTOCOPYING DRIVER’S LICENSE (H 4479) – The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit businesses from copying and retaining a copy of a customer’s ID including driver’s licenses. The bill was filed by private citizen Richard Tomczyk who testified before the committee and said the bill is designed to reduce the number of incidents in which personal information has been stolen and fraudulently used.

“Since my license has my picture, name, address and date of birth it could easily be used fraudulently,” said Tomczyk. “I’m not opposed to providing my license to be checked by the business or even have them write down my name and license number. I can understand the business might need this info to verify that I am the person requesting the services. However, I am reluctant to allow copies to be made of the actual license.”

MASS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (MCAD) (S 1715) – The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill requiring the MCAD Advisory Board to include representatives of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth, (LGBTQ) community.

The MCAD investigates and prosecutes complaints of discrimination that occur in employment, housing, public places, access to education, lending and credit.

Current law requires that representatives of several groups be on the board including labor organizations; minority racial, ethnic and linguistic groups; women; elderly and handicapped persons; and recipients of public assistance.

“Despite the discrimination that persists against the LGBTQ community, they have been significantly underrepresented on the MCAD Advisory Board,” said sponsor Sen. Adam Hinds (D- Pittsfield). “This legislation is a logical fix, and its implementation will be significant. This simple change to the board’s membership will go a long way in ensuring these voices are included in future deliberations.”

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 May 7-11, the House met for a total of five hours and 48 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 13 hours and 23 minutes.

Mon. May 7	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 2:31 p.m.
Tues. May 8	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 9	House 11:00 a.m. to 4:11 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 4:09 p.m.
Thurs. May 10	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:22 a.m. to 4:17 p.m.
Fri. May 11	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Proposal for Winter Hill Star Market lot unveiled

By Donald Norton

On Tuesday, May 8, Ward 4 Alderman Jesse Clingan, along with a number of Planning Department staffers, held a neighborhood meeting at the Healy School to update the public on what is going on at the Star Market lot in Winter Hill.

About 175–200 residents showed up to view a slide presentation of a proposal for two large buildings to be positioned on the site where the old Star Market and Rite Aid stand, and the corner lot where Winter Hill Liquors is, with the 3-story building adjacent to it. Several slides illustrated how the proposed buildings would look, taking over the whole lot.

At the end of the presentation, the meeting was opened to questions and answers. Many

focused on low to moderate income housing and how much would be available for the community. Questions were also asked regarding any possible tax breaks by the city.

How the city will be handling the corner location was also a topic of inquiry, and whether the city prefers to have it done in the private sector or with a developer.

Future updates will be made available and the community will be notified.

It was not mentioned as part of the neighborhood meeting, but sources said a purchase price of about \$24 million was paid by the developer to the owners of Star lot. Asked if the city can move ahead without the corner property, it was mentioned that they are hopeful a solution can be worked out for keeping it private.



Somerville residents gathered at Healey School last week for an update by city planners on a proposed development for the long dormant Star Market lot in Winter Hill. — Photos by Donald Norton



Medal of Honor recipient to be honored

The 2018 Somerville Heroes Salute is set to honor eight Somerville heroes during the annual recognition ceremony, including a Profile in Courage Lifetime Achievement Award to Medal of Honor Recipient, Captain Thomas G. Kelley.

The 2018 Heroes Salute will be held on Saturday, May 19, at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., beginning at 11:00 a.m. This year's honorees will include Heroes Square dedications in memory of:

- PFC Alfred J. Byrne (WWII/Killed in Service)
- PFC James V. Parziale (Korea/Killed In Action)
- SP4 Robert J. Waters, a Purple Heart recipient for injuries sustained in battle during the Vietnam conflict.
- Former Somerville Alderman and Director of Veterans' Services, 1Lt Walter Pero. Pero will be honored for a lifetime of service to the City, the Commonwealth and the Nation.

The ceremony will also include a special dedication for Cpl Anthony G. Guerriero (WWII/Killed in action in the South Pacific in 1943), and his nephew Cpl Anthony J. Graziano who earned the Purple Heart during the Vietnam conflict. Both were Corporals in the United States Marine Corps separated by a generation of service. Even though they never met, the two heroes are a shining example of service that can run through families.

Korean War Veteran Hall of Fame

Francis Ganat will become the first Korean War Veteran to be inducted into the Somerville Korean War Veteran Hall of Fame. Frank served in Korea and came home and continued his service through his work with the US Postal Service as well as the golf course manager for the Bedford VA.

Profile in Courage Lifetime Achievement Award

The Profile in Courage Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a Veteran who has distinguished themselves above and beyond the call of duty as a member of the armed forces and returned home to continue the mission of service. This year the award is presented to Medal of Honor recipient, Captain Thomas G. Kelley (USN). Captain Kelley received his Medal of Honor for heroic actions during his naval service during the Vietnam Conflict. He also continued to serve his fellow Veterans as Secretary of Veterans' Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

If you have questions about Veterans services or events, contact Bryan Bishop at 617-625-6600 ext. 4710 or bbishop@somervillema.gov.

2018 Somerville Veterans' Memorial

The 2018 Somerville Veterans Memorial Parade is ready to go for another amazing tribute to our heroes on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 3:00 p.m. from Somerville City Hall.

This will be second year that the parade has been moved from the traditional Sunday on Memorial Day Weekend slot to the Armed Services Weekend, celebrated during the third weekend in May.

The Parade also kicks off Memorial Week in Somerville, which includes additional events to honor the City's veterans. The 2018 parade will have 87 units, including Somerville officials, community groups and organizations, the Somerville Police and Fire Departments, local, regional, and national veterans' organizations and members from each of the armed service branches, and much more. The parade route continues along Highland Ave. through Davis Sq., ending at the intersection of Holland St. and Broadway in Teele Sq. A viewing stand will be set up in the heart of Davis Sq.

The 2018 Somerville Veterans' Memorial Parade Grand Marshall is Sean Horgan. Marine Corps Veteran Sean Horgan is proud to call Somerville home and lives with his family in the Davis Square area. Sean is involved in an organization called Team Rubicon that unites the skills and experiences of military Veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams to areas in need of disaster relief. He is also an active member of the Greater Boston Veteran's Collaborative which brings together Veteran service provider to streamline outreach processes and create a positive working relationship with those providers to ensure all Veterans receive the benefits and services they deserve.

Horgan recently deployed with Veterans from Massachusetts to aid victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. In November 2017, he was named the Somerville Veteran of the year for his many acts of selfless devotion to his fellow Veterans and their families.

The Aleppo Shriners return as a parade highlight to help honor the service and sacrifice of so many who have served our country. This display of more than 20 units, a parade favorite throughout the region, entertains crowds of thousands throughout New England each year as they bring awareness to its great philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For more information or if you have questions about Veterans services or events, contact Bryan Bishop at 617-625-6600 ext. 4710 or bbishop@somervillema.gov.

OBITUARY

Cristiano Rodrigues



Cristiano Rodrigues of Cambridge, May 12, 2018 at age 80. Devoted husband of Rosa Maria Rodrigues (Luis). Loving father of Roberto Rodrigues, Antonio “Tony” Rodrigues and his wife Brenda, Rui Rodrigues, Steven Rodrigues, Theresa Rodrigues and her husband Douglas Clark. Cherished grandfather of Penelope Clark, Cristiano Rodrigues, Antonio “TJ” Rodrigues Jr., Cristian Rodrigues, Kyle Rodrigues and Mitchell Rodrigues. Beloved brother of Jose Rodrigues, Manuel Rodrigues, Norberto Carroca, Ilda Santos, Maria Vieira, Graca Travassos and the late Maria da Costa. Also survived by nieces, nephews other loving relatives and friends.

Greentown Labs opens Global Center for Cleantech Innovation

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— Photos by Donald Norton

The Somerville Times
Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #153

The Big Top

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

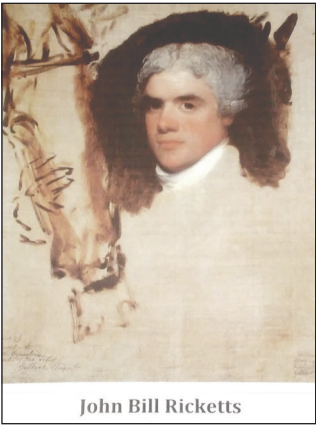
The Somerville Gateway Mural, also known as the Washington Mural, is located in the heart of Union Square. It is painted on the east side of the Barristers Hall Building. It depicts horseman General George Washington witnessing his troops raise the first American flag on Prospect Hill on January 1, 1776.



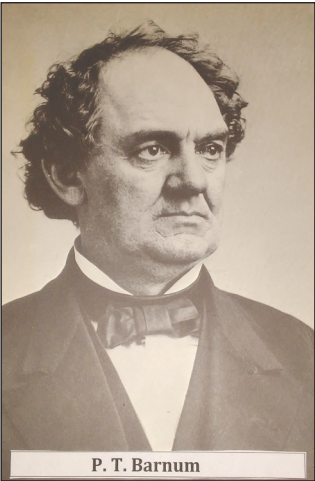
For 24 years Be Sargent’s creation has taught Somerville history to the masses. The prominent figure in the painting is the General mounted on his warhorse, “Blue-stone.” Washington loved horses and was considered the best horseman of his era by his peers. After the war, he frequented America’s first circus, which began in Philadelphia. The trained horses intrigued him to the point that he donated one of his own prized stallions to John Bill Ricketts, the circus owner.

The concept of the circus dates back to ancient Rome where its name originated. The actual name for circus comes from the Latin word “circle.” Our modern version began in England in 1742, a century before Somerville’s 1842 founding. Its highlight was the display of former British Cavalry officers exhibiting their horsemanship and acrobatic prowess.

Phineas T. Barnum didn’t invent the circus, but he increased its size and popularity immeasurably when he put it on the road. Beginning with his American Museum of Curiosities in New York City, he later transformed his circus into “The Greatest Show on Earth.”



John Bill Ricketts



P. T. Barnum

His creations at one time, whether they were one, two, or three rings in size, would excite the young and the elderly in every town and city it visited. In Somerville, the showman offered his trusteeship and built and endowed the Barnum Museum of Natural History at Tufts University.

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Somerville's enduring treasures: The Mystic Valley Foundry

By William C. Shelton

An unremarkable white building in Boynton Yards houses an enterprise that is one of Somerville's enduring treasures. A list of its products would be longer than this entire column, but you see them every day.

They include baroque railings for old buildings, the ubiquitous mushroom caps on MWRA vents, clock-tower parts, Boston Public Library lamps, aluminum street signs, U.S.S. Constitution brightwork, MBTA train and infrastructure parts, firehouse slide poles, brass Hatch Shell lettering, sculptures by well-known artists, and the castings for Somerville's Arrow Paper Fire and 9/11 Memorials.

Founded by Arthur Anthony Sr. in 1936, the Mystic Valley Foundry set up operations on Horace Street in 1940 and has been casting nonferrous metal products ever since. It's the first place that I thought of when my friend, Alex Feldman, proposed a series of columns about family-owned Somerville businesses that have survived the vicissitudes of deindustrialization and big-box stores.

Well ... the second, actually. But I wrote a column about Nissenbaums' Auto Recycling Center in 2010.

Arthur Anthony III currently manages the Foundry, and he was a warm and welcoming host to Alex and I last week.



Alex in a brass diving helmet.

Metal casting, along with trade networks and agriculture, ushered in the Bronze Age 5,300 years ago, establishing a material basis for civilization. Arthur says that the essentials remain the same: "Sand is physically compacted around a form. It retains that shape, into which molten metal is poured."

Of course the technology has improved over the millennia. The earliest bronze was a copper and arsenic alloy. Substituting tin for arsenic produced a harder metal. Because copper and tin ores are rarely found together, bronze production required the development of trade, which brought the exchange of other goods as well.

Although some ancient metallurgists tried alloying copper with zinc, rather than with tin, the technique was not perfected until the post-medieval period, producing modern-era brass.

Attempts to produce aluminum metal were unsuccessful until 1824, and the metal remained more expensive than gold for another thirty years. But once aluminum production became economical, its corrosion resistance and low density made it attractive for uses ranging from jewelry to aerospace.

Operations like the Mystic Valley Foundry continue to innovate, improving product and process technologies incrementally, or as Arthur says, "at the fringes." And while today's new inventions often require molded metal parts, older products and their replacement parts remain a mainstay to sales. Mystic Valley Foundry, for example, continues to deliver brass slide poles to fire houses all over the planet.

The fact is that foundries remain the fastest and most cost-effective means of producing complex metal shapes. Machining a part from a metal

block is more labor- and capital-intensive than casting. And the metal block by itself can be more expensive than the material and labor required for foundry production.

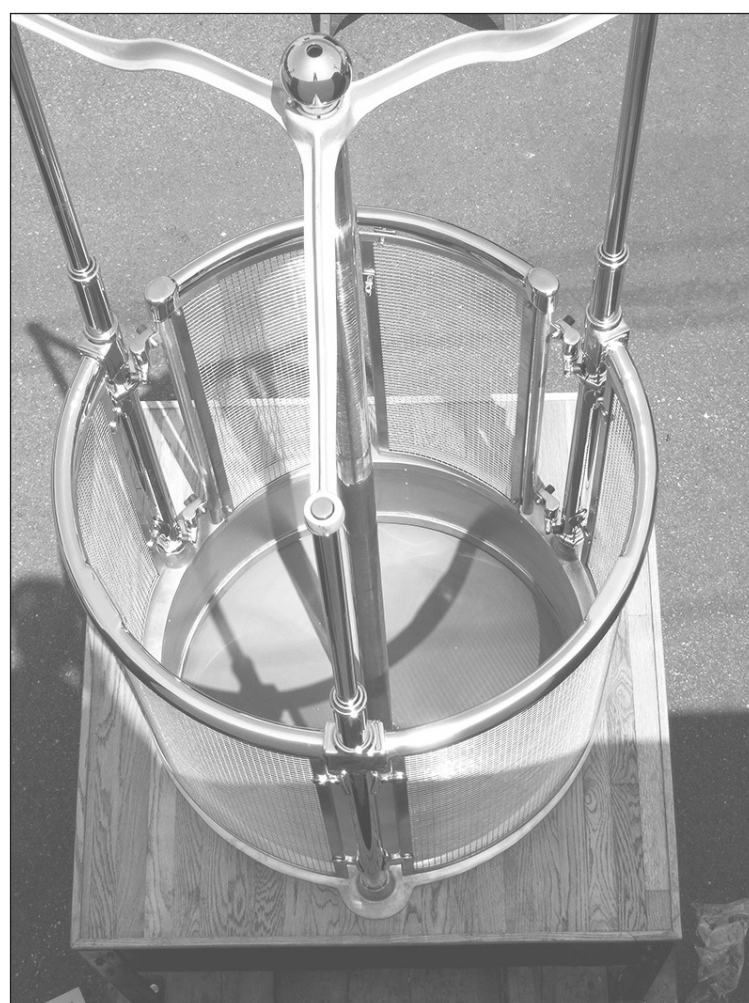
Although metal 3D printing exists, it is phenomenally expensive. But an inventor or designer can produce a required shape in plastic with a 3D printer, and then use it to produce a mold used to make the metal part.

Arthur assists inventors with engineering and product designs, producing patterns, specifying alloys, and developing prototypes. He's also a lifesaver when it comes to reproducing parts for devices long out of production, like the 1917 machines that still make Necco Wafers, or an Hispano-Suiza intake manifold from the same era.

On a casual tour of the foundry we saw parts being manufactured for box making equipment, electrical motors, machines for making semiconductors and fortune cookies, high-end audio applications, and wind-powered generators. We saw brass architectural scroll work, replacements for old Brookline street signs, oar locks, a device for shifting the position of a boat's propeller, and a brass diving helmet.

When Arthur asked Alex if he would like to try on the latter, it was so heavy, it took both Arthur and I to lift it onto his shoulders.

One might imagine a foundry to be a "dirty" industry. But while those who work in it certainly get their hands dirty, its environmental impacts are relatively benign. Its furnaces are fired by natural gas, which produces negligible amounts of sulfur, mercury, and particulates, and much lower levels of nitrogen oxide and CO2, than do automobiles. Metal scraps left over from production are recycled over and over.



Firehouse slide pole assembly, as seen from above.

It also provides workers without a college education that kind of living-wage employment that Somerville's 160 manufacturing concerns created in the middle of the last Century.

What the foundry is not, is portable. Moving it would require capital investment in plant and equipment that the industry's low rate of return would be unable to amortize. Similar economics have reduced foundries in Connecticut from over 170 in the 1970s to five today. And only similar handful remains in Massachusetts.

So as city officials plan and zone Boynton Yards, they should ensure the Foundry's continued existence. Not just because it's a living legacy of the 20th Century industrial base that created the Somerville we love, but also because there are numerous small businesses that cannot exist without the products that it

makes. And it is a repository of accumulated technology, craft, and institutional memory that only survives as a going concern.

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Somerville is a place where innovators can be a part of something special



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last week at the grand opening of the Global Center for Cleantech Innovation at Greentown Labs, Governor Charlie Baker said, "This is ground zero right now for all the big thinking that's going on in clean energy and climate solutions, right here in Somerville. And you all sit here like, 'Well, yeah, sure.' But this is really special." And he's right. Having the largest cleantech incubator in the country (and one that's home to 85 member companies from six different countries)

sitting right on Somerville Avenue is really special. The governor is right about something else too. It's not surprising that companies like Greentown, and the smaller companies they serve, are choosing Somerville. Through an intensive multi-year process we planned for this. We envisioned it. Then we got to work to make it happen. You, our residents, made it clear that job creation was a priority, and it would become a critical goal of our SomerVision plan. Greentown has certainly helped us get closer to achieving that goal. Since its inception, it has been home to more than 120 startups creating more than 900 jobs, and the expansion provides office space for more than 450 additional entrepreneurs. It's not just about the jobs being created in the Greentown space itself however. Companies

are coming to Greentown – and to Somerville – to learn, grow, graduate, and expand. And doing so creates even more new jobs in Somerville and around the region. Just last year we celebrated former Greentown tenant RightHand Robotics' move to the old Post Office building in Union Square. The success of innovative companies like Greentown Labs and their tenants gives us an authentic opportunity to attract other like-minded businesses and then forge partnerships with them. These are businesses that will come here and not merely be an employer, but also be an integral part of our community and contribute to the wellbeing of our city and help us progress toward our community goals. The Greentown story says to the world that Somerville is a place that will help you grow. It says Somerville is a place with an educated and willing work-

force; a place dedicated to further developing that workforce to give people an opportunity to be a part of the next generation industries. It says Somerville is a place where you can be part of an engaged, vibrant community. And it ultimately says Somerville is a place where you can be part of something really special. Creating the innovation city, a place where companies like Greentown are welcome and where they want to be – didn't happen overnight. It took meticulous planning. We didn't want to simply create an innovation district, an area in the city that was seen as being exclusive for these large-scale innovation companies and the people who worked for them, which shut down at the end of the work day. In true Somerville fashion, we knew we wanted our model and approach to be much more inclusive – not

limited to a specific area of the city and something in which everyone can participate and play a role. Just as SomerVision set the table, our ongoing neighborhood planning efforts and infrastructure work, much like that happening now in Union Square, ensures that the innovation city remains open for business and ready to work with the new wave of innovation companies whether they be in the tech, cleantech, or life sciences industries. We can't operate in a silo, and we won't achieve our community goals alone. If we want to make sure Somerville continues to be a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family, we're going to have to empower the innovators and creators, like those at Greentown Labs, who are working to change the way we do those things so that we can continue to thrive for many years to come... in Somerville and beyond.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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As a taxpayer, I want to make sure Somerville spends its money according to the progressive values we hold dear. I want to urge the Board of Alderpersons to oppose any and all handouts to Clarendon Hill developer Redgate, a wolf in sheep's clothing that refuses to give our working families a hand up. First, Redgate got city leaders to sell them the five-acre Clarendon Hill parcel—right next to the T—at a massive discount. Redgate paid the city less than \$16 million—well below market value. Some have speculated the land could be worth more than twice that!

Now, Redgate is back asking for two more handouts. First, they want a giveaway of \$10 million in return for providing community benefits. But one of those so-called "benefits" allows Redgate to police itself when it comes to worker safety. Next, they want a Home Rule petition that gives Redgate a \$15 million gift, by allowing the developer to UNDERPAY the workers building the 270 market rate units. These are the same units that will fatten Redgate's pockets for generations to come. So let's recap: Redgate says redeveloping 270 affordable housing units is a \$16

million gift to the City of Somerville. But here's the real math: Redgate has executed a land grab worth millions, and now wants \$10 million to—among other things—reduce public accountability by policing itself. Meanwhile, the developer is also asking City leaders to turn their backs on the working people of Somerville, by allowing Redgate to underpay workers by millions. Sounds more like a jackpot for Redgate. Somerville families desperately need and deserve affordable housing. What we don't need is a deal with Redgate, which like any wolf in sheep's clothing, is be-

ginning to show its true colors: a hunger for public handouts, but a disregard for the public good. The Board of Alderpersons must stop this downward spiral veiled as affordable housing, and demand that Redgate conform to our community standards, including fair pay for all workers. Redgate must deliver real community benefits, rather than just purport to, not because the City of Somerville hands out another \$10 million, but because it's the right thing to do. David Santana Somerville Resident

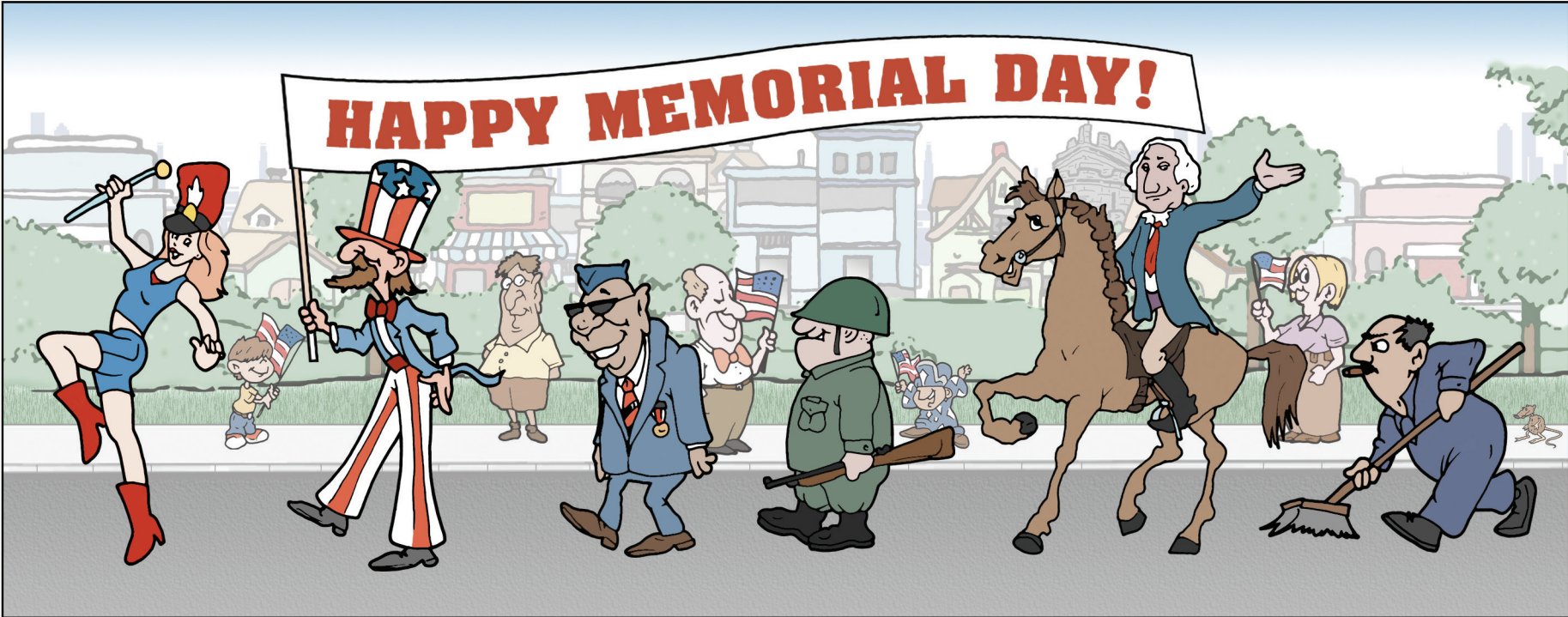
Reminder: Minibond information sessions

The City of Somerville announced last month that it will soon offer residents the opportunity to invest in Somerville's future by purchasing minibonds. Minibonds not only allow purchasers to directly support the community's collective goals by investing in the financing of some of Somerville's capital projects, they also enable residents to earn tax-exempt interest. Broker-dealer Neighborly Securities, along with City staff, will hold two Minibond Information Sessions to answer questions about the minibonds and the ordering process. They will be held: • Wednesday, May 23, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria, 177 Powder House Blvd. Minibonds will be available for purchase by Somerville residents from May 18 to May 25 and will be sold in \$1,000 denominations. This is one-fifth of the lowest denomination that municipal bonds are otherwise typically sold for (\$5,000). The lower denomination is designed to allow broader participation by community member investors. Minibonds will first be allotted and filled on a first-come, first-served basis on orders of up to \$20,000. The minimum order size is \$1,000 and there is no maximum. However, for orders over \$20,000, the amount of the order above \$20,000 is subject to pro-rata allocation if the issue is oversubscribed. Pro rata allocations may be adjusted to ensure that no bonds are issued in an amount that is not divisible by the minimum denomination of \$1,000. Residents who are interested in buying Somerville minibonds will need to create an account through Neighborly's website at www.neighborly.com. For questions about Somerville minibonds or setting up an account with Neighborly to purchase minibonds, please contact Neighborly by emailing support@neighborly.com, calling 866-432-1170, or visiting www.neighborly.com/somerville. A list of FAQs can also be found on the City's website at www.somervillema.gov/minibonds.

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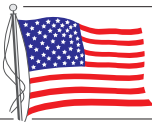
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Let’s celebrate Memorial Day all week long.

Our View Of The Times



It began as a way to memorialize the military casualties of the Civil War, and was originally termed Decoration Day. Decorating the graves of the countless multitudes of fallen soldiers helped to console the grieving survivors of the debacle while uniting the once divided nation in a worthwhile common cause.

For many these days, Memorial Day represents the beginning of the summery high season. Kids soon enjoy their vacations from school. Families and individ-

uals go traveling, camping, surfing, and whatever else represents fun in the sun in the months to come.

This next week we will take a little more time to pay homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country, as “Memorial Week” gets underway, beginning this coming Saturday with the 2018 Heroes Salute.

Many of us will go out and enjoy the parade this coming Sunday. It is always inspirational and a great place to meet old

friends and maybe make some new ones.

But the parade is just the beginning of the festivities planned for the week ahead. The city has come up with a schedule of great activities designed to broaden and deepen the Memorial Day experience, coinciding with the city’s 175th birthday celebrations. Veterans’ Services has all the info on the scheduled events, so give them a call at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 to learn more.

Our heroes deserve recognition and

thanks for the service they have given, and you may come away from the experience feeling a bit more enlightened and enriched than before.

Most of all, give some thought to what the brave men and women who laid down their lives mean to all of us today. How the freedom and quality of life we enjoy in America would not be possible without those selfless acts of courage and devotion. It is good to have that sense of appreciation throughout the year too.

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financial contribution, it will be gratefully accepted.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to **Melissa Hurley**. May she have a great birthday for herself with her family. Happy birthday to one of Somerville’s finest attorneys, **Edwin Smith**. Happy birthday as well to Caroline Shea-Rosas. We hope she enjoys her special day. Happy birthday to **Scott Diamond**, who grew up in West Somerville. We wish him a good day for himself. To all the others we may have missed – and yes, we must admit there are a few more out there – we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Lyrics Champs presents **A Super Hero Wrestling Fundraiser** on **Friday, June 8**, at the **Somerville High School Field House**, 81 Highland Avenue. Tickets are available online at www.LyricsChamps.org. The cost is \$15.

It seems like the newly elected aldermen who campaigned on affordable housing and the rest of the members might be slowing down the **North Street joint**

public and private development, which is a 40B project and, once completed, would provide 50% affordable housing on the site. Seems like the Board of Aldermen are micro-managing the project and might be ill informed about this development. It’s like they feel the developer is getting a sweetheart deal on the land and if they stop this project the city and the **SHA** will lose out on a \$17 million grant from the state. We think think BOA is being short sighted and hypocritical in trying to stall the project for the tenants, as well as neighbors, who many want this development to move forward.

We hear a rumor that the longtime director of the **Somerville Community Corp.**, **Danny LeBlanc**, is going to retire shortly. Kind of interesting, if you think about. Timing is everything!

Democratic candidates for Governor **Jay Gonzalez** and **Bob Massie** will participate in a public forum on **May 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, at the **Somerville City Club**, 20 Inner Belt Road (across from Holiday Inn), with residents of Somerville to make their case about why one of them would be the best

nominee for the **Democratic Party** and answer questions from the public. At the public forum, residents of Somerville will ask the candidates to describe their plans for addressing a broken political system. The candidates will be asked to explain what they would do to level the playing field in Massachusetts. The public forum is hosted by **Our Revolution Somerville**. This is a meet and greet with Q&A, not a debate. **Bob Massie** is invited for 6:30 p.m. and **Jay Gonzalez** for 7:30 p.m.

WSNS 2018 Spring Concert, Thursday, May 31, 8:45 – 10:45 a.m. at the **WSNS Gymnasium**, 177 Powder House Blvd. It will feature **K-6 Classrooms and grade 7/8 strings, band, world music, and chorus**. A celebration of music from around the globe. **ESCS** will hold their spring concert on **Tuesday, June 5, 9:00 – 11:00 am.** at the **ESCS Auditorium**, 50 Cross St. Free Admission.

Celebrate the inaugural year of the **Highlander Theatre Company (HTC)** by joining them on **Friday, May 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** for an evening of theatre that

will include performances by the **SHS Performing Arts class**, selected scenes directed by HTC students, and a public performance of their award-winning production of **Pullman Car Hiawatha** by Thornton Wilder. General admission is \$10 for community members or Pay-What-You-Can for seniors and all Somerville Public Schools staff and students with valid ID. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by visiting www.shsma.booktix.com. Contact **Mr. Jabour** at cjabour@k12.somerville.ma.us with any additional questions.

The **Somerville High School and the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Graphic Design & Visual Communications** department proudly presents the first annual **CTE Design Gallery Show** highlighting the spectacular work by CTE Art and Design students. The event takes place on **Saturday, May 19, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** at the **SHS Atrium** and is open to the public. Guests will enjoy light refreshments provided by the **Culinary Arts Bistro** while perusing the art and designs students in CTE have created.

PorchFest 2018

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including Brookline, Quincy and Jamaica Plain. For more information on upcoming events and dates, visit www.porchfest.info.



Smash Adams had a large crowd jamming to their cover songs.



School of HONK had the crowd chanting “I am great” while they danced around in a circle.



Finley Scobel, 5 and 7/8s, played with his band The Hoopers.



DJs such as the Bocce Boys, Colin Domigan & Dusty Digital, made many appearances.



Ashley Jordan played originals.



School of HONK spread the joy of music throughout Somerville with their street parade style.



A large crowd gathered around to watch Lovehandle, an Americana band, perform.



ers for a crowd of his peers.



performed covers and a few of her own



The Splinters performed bluegrass music on Crocker Street.



Over 250 bands and musical acts performed across Somerville.

Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos

Photos by Emily Blackwood and Claudia Ferro



Chris Greene and his daughter, 3-year-old Evelyn Greene, danced around to the music.



Richard B. Warren enjoyed the sun and the tunes from Ten Foot Wife.

SPORTS

Raucous pro wrestling fundraiser in Somerville

On Friday night, May 11, Northeast Championship Wrestling proudly presented A Night for Charlene Harris, a special fundraiser celebrating the life of the late Charlene with all proceeds of this event going to the Charlene Harris Scholarship Fund.

It was a small but raucous crowd that came out for the event to support the Harris family, with a great time had by all.

Many NCW stars donated their time to the event as well as a special musical performance by Jazz Congress, a band made up of students from Somerville High. With items donated by the WWE's Sasha Banks, John Cena Senior, many local businesses, and even fans bringing items to donate the Harris family raised over \$2000 (final numbers are not yet available) toward the Charlene Harris Scholarship Fund.

In the night's featured match Danny Harris ("The Dan Ram") and his longtime friend and partner Sam Amado (Makua) won the NCW Tag Team Championship defeating the nefarious Kool People (DJ AC & Sammy Deleon) thanks to back up from Mr. Cena, acting as the special enforcer referee.

The event also featured special musical performances by the Somerville High School Chorus & Band, special guest former NFL Superstar and Somerville's own Gosder Cherilus, and the very best of Northeast Championship Wrestling and its champions. It was a night of chills, spills, and a whole lot of fun.

More information and details about Northeast Championship Wrestling can be found on their website at <http://theNCW.com>.



A Night for Charlene Harris brought pro wrestlers to Somerville High School for a special fundraiser benefiting the Charlene Harris Scholarship Fund. — Photos courtesy of Northeast Championship Wrestling

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who is recognized as the first woman to produce a sitcom?

2. How hot is volcano lava?

3. What occurs when lava stops moving?

4. What holiday is said to be unofficial start of the summer vacation season?

5. When did the first military burial occur at Arlington National Cemetery?

6. What part of Arlington National Cemetery has almost 4,000 former slaves buried there?

7. What was Memorial Day originally called?

8. What US President signed legislation banning cigarette ads on TV and radio?

9. What kind of ink does about one-third of America's newspaper printers use?

10. Who formed the Australian rock band AC/DC?

11. What two forms does malt powder come in?

12. What is the main color on the Chinese flag?

Answers on page 23



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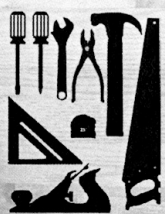
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Housing specialist outlines resources at regional conference

By Nathan Lamb

Housing options and tools for Aging in Place were the featured topics of a recent regional workshop led by Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Housing Specialist Kristin Bell.

Bell spoke before roughly 40 professionals at the 20th Annual New England Resident Service Coordinators conference. The audience was primarily service coordinators, who support public housing residents in a variety of ways, explained Bell.

Having worked in that capacity before joining SCES, Bell said it was really gratifying to provide guidance and motivation for a group that's doing important work.

"Resident service coordinators work as case managers to help residents maintain tenancy, as well as plan community events," said Bell. "Their main job is helping people and problem-solving."

Bell's role at SCES focuses on connecting people with housing resources, which was also a topic in her presentation: "Meet-

ing Your Residents' Needs to Age in Place & Explore Other Housing Options."

The Aging in Place portion of the discussion focused on connecting with resources, through elder service agencies and other providers.

Roughly 90 percent of older adults prefer to Age in Place, according to data from the non-profit National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD). Elder Service agencies, such as SCES, provide access to wide range of information and resources that can help support that goal, explained Bell.

"It's really about improving the quality of life, where people choose to live," said Bell.

The second phase of the presentation focused on alternatives to Aging in Place, such as Assisted Living, Rest Homes and Nursing Homes. In addition to providing basic information about each of those options, Bell advised the focus should be on working with residents to discuss how and where they want to live.



SCES Housing Specialist Kristin Bell recently spoke about elder housing options and resources for aging in place at the 20th Annual New England Resident Service Coordinators conference.

"I wanted to give some knowledge of the landscape, for when they need to have those conversations in the future," said Bell.

Kristin Bell is an Elder Care Advisor and Housing Specialist in the SCES Aging Information Center. Prior to joining

SCES, Bell was an award-winning resident service coordinator at Clarendon Hill Towers in Somerville.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the inde-

pendence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

Parenting Journey staff attend Raise Up MA rally



Staff from Somerville nonprofit, Parenting Journey, led by Executive Director Imari Paris Jeffries, attended the Raise Up Massachusetts rally at the State House on Tuesday, May 8, urging legislators to pass paid family and medical leave and a \$15 minimum wage. Left to right: Gayle Turner, director of finance; Julie Bloch, project manager; Katie Smith, development associate and office coordinator; Imari Paris Jeffries, executive director; Erica Brunner, managing director of strategy; Alyssa Grinberg, director of communications and marketing; Hannah Collins, research manager.

Celebrate Haitian Flag Day



The City of Somerville's immigrant outreach division, Somer-Viva, and local non-profit Haitians United invite all to join them for a Haitian Flag Celebration on Friday, May 18, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community School, 115 Sycamore St.

The celebration event will feature music, live theater, open mic, and Haitian folk dancing performances by local artists. Free Haitian food from local restaurants will be available. All are welcome to attend.

Contact Jhenny Saint-Surin with any questions or for more information by emailing jsaintsurin@somervillema.gov or by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2622 or 857-246-4953.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|May 16

East Branch Library
PreK PUPPET STORY TIME!
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|May 17

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.
Lego Club!
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Sunday|May 20

Somerville Veterans Memorial Parade
Begins at 3 p.m. at City Hall

Monday|May 21

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

West Branch Library
Kids' Book Club
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday|May 22

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16
9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Somerville High School Anime Club
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|May 23

East Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|May 16

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Spring For Children benefit for the Mystic Learning Center.|6 p.m.

Great raffles, food, fun, and the Tom Hagerty Band til 10! \$20 suggested donation. See you next week for poker!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Brian O’Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.
Emerald Rae: CD Release|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Phil Holub|8 p.m.
Maxwell Bailey|9 p.m.
Gentle Temper|10 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Red Cross Blood Drive
2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Starstruck: Close Encounters of the Awkward Kind
7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Thursday|May 17

Sally O’Brien’s
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
WUMB Presents, Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles |7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road
One Time Weekend, Eggy
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Tsunami Bomb
Diablogato, Senior Discount
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Adam Janjigian Quartet
7:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Castle of Comedy
8:45 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 18

Sally O’Brien’s
Jim Coyle & Sneaky Pint |6 p.m.
Juke Joint \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi
Say Darling with Special Guests The Carleans|7 p.m.
Ripcord |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s
Dave Wells & Friends
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Thunder Road
Marc Ford
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Julie Rhodes
Carissa Johnson and the Cure-Alls, Aubrey Haddard
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Boycott|6:30 p.m.
Funkrust|8:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

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

Saturday|May 19

Sally O’Brien’s
One Thin Dime |6 p.m.
Sue's Birthday Party Rock Show|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
The Social No.11 |7 p.m.
Cover Up|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe’s
Otis Grove
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road
Elvana: Elvis Fronted Nirvana (Tribute)
9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Kingsley Flood
Glenn Yoder & The Western States, Andrea Gillis
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Rooster Band
9 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|6 p.m.
255 Elm St

Somerville Theatre
FARA
7 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday|May 20

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.
Molskys Mountain Drifters, with Babineau/Chartrand |4 p.m.
Wilde Irish Women! |7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Americana Sundays w/ Blame The Whiskey
7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Erin Harpe and the Delta Swingers
The Claudettes, The Wrong Shapes
7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Grace Givertz| 2 p.m.
Flamenco Boston|6:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Somerville Theatre
Los Van Van
7 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday|May 21

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Local Honey (Jam band, folk, americana)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m.
Lou Barlow8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|May 22

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
SYM Tuesdays \$5 cover
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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Heavy Metal Tuesday
Stonecutters
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Pub Sing
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 23

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

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

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

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

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Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
hannah bates
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Solidarity Salon Poetry & Music & Art with Lisa DeSiro
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|May 16

Central Library
Boston Light: Stories of a lighthouse keeper
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 17

Central Library
Yoga at the Library
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|
OSPCD Consolidated Plan Public Meeting
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland 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|May 19

Central Library
Master Class with Fabiano Latham
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Union Square Farmers Market
9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza

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|May 20

Somerville Veterans Memorial Parade
Begins at 3 p.m. at City Hall

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|May 21

Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|
The Art of Taxes with the Huntington Tax partners
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|May 22

Central Library
Somerville Stands Together
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Anti-racism book discussion
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 23

Central Library
Somerville Entrepreneur Meetup
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Researching Your Old House and Family
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

A Chorus Line – Thursday, June 14 - \$32 per person – First come first serve – Space is limited. Check-in at Holland Street 1:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Debby by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, June 19 – 12:00 p.m. Somerville Theatre Davis Square. This month’s movie is Wonder. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - \$1 per person. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Castle Island – Friday, June 22 check-in time at Ralph & Jenny at 8:30 a.m. \$5 for transportation – lunch is on your own. Approximate return time of 1:00 p.m. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Fire Cracker Super Bingo – Monday, July 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. \$12 fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lowell Spinners – Wednesday, July 25 - \$31 includes transportation, seating and all you can eat BBQ. Game is at 7:05 p.m. Check-in at Holland at 3:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 10:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

The Music Man – Thursday, August 9 - \$30 per person – First come first serve – Space is limited. Check-In Holland Street at 12:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Debby by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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 May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

De-cluttering support group - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and

Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

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

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Somerville Community Growing Center Benefit Yard Sale

Please join in for the annual Growing Center Yard Sale on Saturday May, 19, from 10:00 a.m. –3:30 pm., at the Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave., Somerville (near Union Square). Come on by, there will be something for everyone.

The sale will raise operating funds for the Growing Center, so that it may continue with another season of festivals, meditations, open gardens, concerts, dances, children’s programs, workshops, expositions, educational projects, plays, gastronomic happenings, singalongs, rituals, fundraisers, workdays and celebrations.

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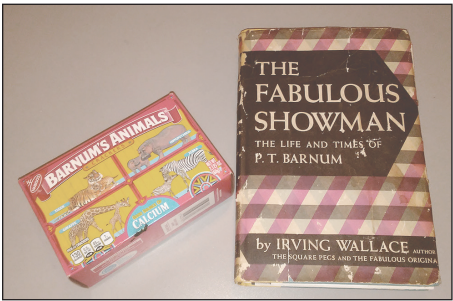
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This is where the remains of his famous, “Jumbo the Elephant” were exhibited until they were destroyed in a fire on April 14, 1975. Throughout its Medford and Somerville campus, you can find memorabilia honoring the greatest animal attraction in United States history.

Years ago, Circus Day, with its grand parade celebrating the Big Top, was one of the colossal events of the year. To most, it was like the Fourth of July and a trip to the zoo combined.


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3rd Annual Cinema Somerville Outdoor Film Festival



The Somerville Arts Council and Somerville Media Center present an ArtsUnion and Cinema Somerville Short Film Fest on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. held in Union Square plaza or indoors at SMC (in case of inclement weather). Any further questions, please contact Erica Jones at ejones@scatvsomerville.org. This year's festival theme is *Local Voices*. RAIN LOCATION: SCATV

These are films driven by powerful stories, captivating subjects and important themes. These are films that portray a distinct viewpoint on our world, by filmmakers with a confident voice. Some examples of LOCAL VOICE are "voices of creativity, voices of change, voices of protest, voices of hopes and dreams, giving voice to the voiceless, etc." The selection committee plans to screen several short films for the audience to enjoy.

The CSFF3 Film Festival Lineup:
(this is not the official order for the screening)

Katrina Li: Split

Taylor Copeland: *Connecting Leave No Trace to Gentrification*

Mike Messier: *The Nature of the Flame*

Crystal Chandler: *Dear Little Project*

Emilio Guido: *Echoes of What Used to Be*

Emily Freed: *Muse*

Linda Fitzpatrick: *AI*

Nino De La Cruz: *Miranda Warning*

Ian MacLellan: *KIT+RENEE*

Risa Gelles-Watnick: *Waiting*

Chantal Arslan: *Museum of Modern Renaissance*

John DiLoreto: *High Energy Vintage*

Rachel Napoliello: *Voices*

Adrienne Jorge: *Songs of Azores*

Jessie Hansen: *SELF CONSCIOUS*

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12:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amWide Angle

7:30amDW In Good Shape

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amDW Global 3000

9:30amBoth Sides of the Bars

10:00amPoet to Poet/Writer to Writer

10:30amSomerville Storytellers

11:00amNASA TV

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show

1:00pmHealth is Wealth

1:30pmArt Seen at SMC

2:00pmArtist Residencies 101

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3:00pmDemocracy Now!

4:00pmSomerville Neighborhood News

4:30pmThe Literati Scene

5:00pmSOM ARTS

5:30pmThe New Tax Law and the Arts

6:00pmBeyond Boston

7:00pmDonnie Steubins

7:30pmLIVE -Somerville pundits

8:00pmJusticia Migrante

8:30pmMediaBot Short Cuts

9:00pmLIVE - Boston Come Through

10:00pmHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pmFlotilla

Thursday, May 17

12:00amSCATV Secret Stash

1:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amPerils for Pedestrians

7:30amDW Focus on Europe

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amDW Tomorrow Today

9:30amHello Neighbor

10:00amThe Kamla Show

10:30amSomerville Pundits

11:00amArt and Ideas

11:30amPerils for Pedestrians

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show

1:00pmThe Somerville Line

3:00pmDemocracy Now!

4:00pmHello Neighbor!

4:30pmThe Struggle

5:00pmWords On Film

6:00pmSomerville Neighborhood News

6:30pmSomerville Pundits

7:00pmLIVE - The Boston Medium

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8:00pmStartup TV Boston

Friday, May 18

9:00pmThe Beantown Beatdown

9:30pmThe Beantown Beatdown

10:00pmThe Chatman Booth

10:30pmTUTV

11:00pmDIWHY the show

Saturday, May 19

12:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

1:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amThe Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amWide Angle

9:30amCambridge Calendar

10:00amNASA TV

11:00amSOM ARTS

11:30amDW Tomorrow Today

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show

1:00pmThe Yellow Jacket Lady

1:30pmArt Seen at SMC

2:00pmSomerville Neighborhood News

2:30pmSMC Youth Media

3:00pmDemocracy Now!

4:00pmGay USA

5:00pmThe Chatman Booth

5:30pmWhat's New in Massachusetts?

6:00pmLIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast

6:30pmNew England Pride TV

7:00pmSOM ARTS

7:30pmCambridge Calendar

8:00pmthe grandstanders

8:30pmGreater Somerville

9:00pmThe Boston Medium

10:00pmDIWHY Arbor Day Mini-Marathon

11:00pmDIWHY Arbor Day Mini-Marathon

11:30pmDIWHY Arbor Day Mini-Marathon

Sunday, May 20

12:00amFlotilla

1:00amSCATV Secret Stash

2:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

3:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amEvangelista Camillo Fodera

7:00amNossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00amTele Magazine

8:00amNASA TV

7:00amNossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00amTele Magazine

9:00amTele Kreyol

10:00amArt and Ideas

10:30amAging Well

11:00amThe Chef's Table Series

12:00pmSomerville Neighborhood News

12:30pmThe World Fusion Show

1:00pmOff the Shelf

1:30pmTalking Money

2:00pmStartUp TV Boston

3:00pmAfrican Television Network

4:00pmDedilhando a Saudade

5:00pmArt Seen at SMC

5:30pmJusticia Migrante

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6:30pmNew England Pride TV

7:00pmGay USA

8:00pmDear Little Black Girl, Dear Little Black Boy

8:30pmSomerville Neighborhood News

9:00pmWords On Film

10:00pmThe Boston medium

10:30pmThe Boston medium

11:00pmBox House Productions Presents

11:30pmSCATV Secret Stash

Monday, May 21

12:00amFree Speech TV

5:00amEvangelista Camillo Fodera

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amPerils for Pedestrians

7:30amGoing Postal

Tuesday, May 22

12:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amDW Euromaxx

7:30amEsoteric Science

8:00amDemocracy Now!

9:00amThe Chef's Table Series

10:00amRoad to Recovery

10:30amDW In Good Shape

11:00amGraphic Content

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12:00pmThe Thom Hartmann Show

1:00pmWords On Film

2:00pmSomerville Overcoming Addiction

3:00pmDemocracy Now!

4:00pmSMC Youth Media

4:30pmTeen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media

5:00pmPoet to Poet/Writer to Writer

5:30pmWhat's New Massachusetts?

6:00pm2018 Tufts Food Systems Symposium

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7:00pmSomerville Neighborhood News

7:30pmGreater Somerville

8:00pmLIVE - The Somerville Line

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10:00pmTUTV

10:30pmPublic Access Boyz

11:00pmBox House Productions Presents

11:30pmMediaBot Short Cuts

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Wednesday, May 16

8:30amCongressional Update

9:00amAldermen at Work - Will Mbah

9:30amSomerViva en Español

10:00amRally Point "Women In the Military"

12:00pmSchool Committee Meeting - 5.7.18

2:04pmSeriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte

2:31pmFamily Engagement for Equity Seminar

6:00pmLegislative Matters Committee

Thursday, May 17

12:00amSenior Circuit

12:37amTalking Business

1:00amRaising Families

1:30amConway Field and Playground Information

2:32amSomerViva em Português

8:30amThe Week of the Young Child Celebration

9:00amGilman Square Walking Tour - 5.13.18

12:00pmSenior Circuit

1:00pmLegislative Matters Committee

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Friday, May 18

12:00amGilman Square Walking Tour - 5.13.18

1:00amHousing & Community Development

3:00amAldermen at Work - Will Mbah

8:30amSit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout

9:00amAldermen at Work - Will Mbah

11:30amRally Point "Women In the Military"

12:01pmPorchFest 2018

1:01pmLegislative Matters

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Saturday, May 19

12:00amPorchFest 2018

1:00amGilman Square Walking Tour - 5.13.18

2:00amFamily Engagement for Equity Seminar

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10:00amCommunity Preservation Committee

12:00pmBoard of Aldermen Meeting

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12:00amSomerViva en Español

12:30amCelling Your Soul

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Tuesday, May 22

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11:30amPorchFest 2018

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Wednesday, May 23

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2:00pmEl Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala

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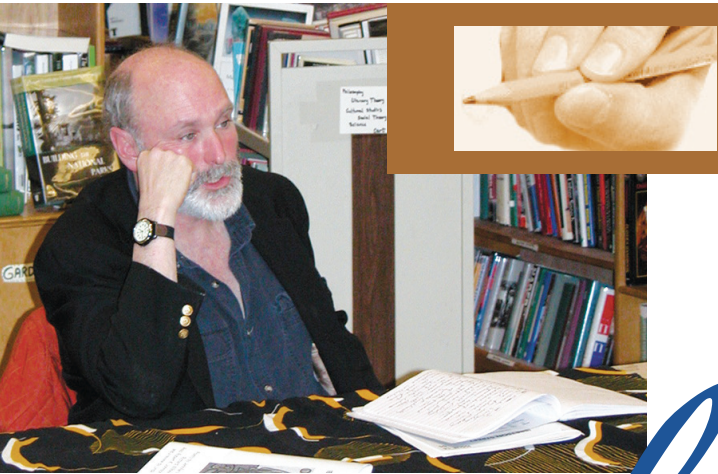
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

The Grolier Poetry Festival

I interviewed Francine LaChance at the Bloc 11 Cafe about the Grolier Poetry Festival coming up this Saturday. LaChance wrote a small piece about this important poetry event for Off the Shelf:

The Grolier Poetry Festival Brings Poetry, Music, Dance, and Dramatic Performances to the Street, Saturday, May 19, 2018, 12noon–8pm

The Poetry Festival is one in a series of 90th Year Celebrations, and includes an exciting lineup of readings and performances, while featuring new collaborations with local organizations, workshops for children and adults, and a preview of future events. This event is free and open to the public.

The Grolier Poetry Festival will be held on Plympton Street, between Mass Avenue and Bow Street. Board Member and Poet Lloyd Schwartz will open the children’s hour, which will feature scene selections from *Twelfth Night*, performed by Boston Shakespeare Project, Shakespeare in Motion, followed by interactive segments, word play and a Q&A. X.J. Kennedy, will read children’s poetry, from his own work, and poems written by close Grolier poet friends from Elise Paschen’s anthology, *Poetry Speaks to Children*. He will also read later in the program. A poetry writing workshop for children will be held from 1-3pm.

Proprietor and Director, Poet and Philosopher Ifeanyi Menkiti will give opening remarks at 1pm. David Ferry will lead an impressive lineup of poets, reading from his poetry and translations, followed by Kathleen Spivack, Lloyd Schwartz, Lillian Yvonne Bertram, and many great local poets. Dramatic performances will include Jim Vrabel, performing from John Berryman’s *The Dream Songs*, and Michael Mack, performing from *Hearing Voice, Speaking in Tongues*. Jimmy Tingle will make a guest appearance.

Stan Strickland will play the saxophone and James Kamal Jones will play the drums from 3:40–4:10pm. They will both accompany Ifeanyi Menkiti while he reads one of his poems. Our performances include dance and music with poetry, and Audrey Harrer playing the harp. We will also feature Joe Burgio, Ensemble Inedit: Poetry, Song and Dance by performers from Turkey, Brazil, and Israel.

Diana Norma Szokolyai will read and perform



with members of the Cambridge Writers' Workshop and lead a workshop based on *CREDO: An Anthology of Manifestos & Sourcebook for Creative Writing*, a newly released book that she and Rita Banerjee edited. Whiskey Radish, who has worked at Ryles Jazz Club for over 20 years, will sketch throughout the day, and and she and Philip O'Brien take photographs.

Lloyd Schwartz and Joyce Peseroff will read poems and essays by Donald Hall, a dear friend of the Grolier who also turns 90 later this year. Readings will include excerpts from *A Carnival of Losses: Notes Nearing Ninety*, which will be released in July, and poems by Mr. Hall’s late wife, Jane Kenyon.

Future events with Grolier poet friends will be previewed, including: Frank Bidart, Robert Pinsky, Tino Villanueva, Peter Balakian, Robert Perkins, David Ferry, Jim Vrabel, and Michael Mack.

We will conclude our Festival with a special video presentation of Ifeanyi Menkiti’s title and signature poem, *Before a Common Soil*, an original composition by George Emlen, Former Music Director of Revels for over 30 years, performed by the Revels chorus and musicians.

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Former Somerville resident Marc Zegans is a poet and a creative development advisor. He is the author of four collections of poems, *Boys in the Woods*, *The Underwater Typewriter*, *The Book of Clouds*, and *Pillow Talk*, and two spoken word albums, *Marker and Parker*, and *Night Work*. Marc’s latest verse project *The Typewriter Underground* will be staged as a multi-media immersive theater performance at Henry Miller Library, Big Sur on June 15. Marc’s poetry can be found at marczegans.com, and his creative advisory practice at mycreativedevelopment.com.



Puritan Graveyard in Cambridge

Walking quick by the old burying ground
On the ice-licked and snow encrusted brick
Past the first Harvard Presidents lying,
Veritas, now bone and dust, under brick,
Upraised caves and faded monuments
Behind blacked and rusted wrought iron gate
that we pass, a familiar locked ruin,
by our way of trudge to the Border.

— Marc Zegans

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Answers

1. Betty White – *Life with Elizabeth*

2. 700 to 1,200°C

3. It solidifies to form igneous rock

4. Memorial Day

5. 1864, for Private William Christman

6. Section 27, land that used to be known as Freedman’s Village

7. Decoration Day

8. President Richard Nixon in 1970

9. Soy ink, made from soybeans

10. Brothers Malcolm and Angus Young

11. Diastatic and nondiastatic

12. Red

SHS students explore Costa Rica

During April vacation, 57 Somerville High School students, 7 chaperones and an additional 4 adults travelled to Costa Rica. The chaperones, Alicia Kersten, Lisa Machnik, Marie Foreman, Beth O'Connor, Mike Maloney, Joe Marino and Naima Sait, along with Science Teachers, Lisa Curtin, Maureen Quigley (and her mom) and Roni Teich accompanied students on a cultural, scientific and environmental adventure. The group visited a volcano area and its hot springs. They planted trees, milked cows and rode horses. The group zip -lined, kayaked and surfed. The students ate traditional Costa Rican meals, visited a school, observed wildlife and witnessed the ecologically conscientious culture. Students reflected that the experience also provided them the opportunity to connect with other classmates that they may not have connected with before the trip, they connected with other cultures but also made connections to their own culture. One student noted that it was like "home" or their native culture. All embraced the country's motto, ¡Pura Vida! - No worries, no fuss, no stress. "Pura Vida" to Costa Ricans or Ticos means being thankful for what they have and not dwelling on the negative. Thanks to the many supporters and sponsors who helped make this educational experience possible.





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