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— Photo by Jordan Deschenes

By Jordan Deschenes

Representatives from Somerville city unions and worker's associations were in attendance at last week's Board of Alderman meeting to petition for a resolution. Both groups asked for the aldermen to add their signatures to the motion, which would prohibit city negotiators from denying unions the ability to include evergreen clauses in public-sector contracts.

"I can validate the desperate need for an evergreen clause in Somerville contracts from personal experience and negotiations with the city over the last decade," said Ed Halloran, co-chair of the Somerville Labor Coalition (SLC).

"The last round of contracts, which were expiring in June of 2006, took us over six years to reach a successful agreement with the city. That means we were operating without a main contract enforced or in effect over Continued on page 4

Porchfest 2017 rocks Somerville

By Joe Ruvido

If measured by thousands of concertgoers enjoying an afternoon drink while seeing live music, Porchfest 2017 was a success.

Though the event, which is held annually on the second Saturday of May, was met with mediocre spring weather, it wasn't stopping revelers like Antonio Escobar of East Somerville from enjoying the festivities. "I liked it a lot," said Escobar, who was attending his first Porchfest with a group of friends. "The concept of walking around Somerville and listening to music and meeting up with my neighbors is nice."

The event is organized by the Somerville Arts Council. Bands or solo artists are allotted a 2-hour window to play their music. The time slots for playing move east to west across Somerville; bands in East Somerville played from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Central Somerville from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and West Somerville from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

According to the Arts Council website, more than 200 bands represented a wide range of genres, including rock, folk, Continued on page 12

Music lovers gathered at a College Ave 2017 edition of Porchfest Somerville.



Music lovers gathered at a College Ave. residence to enjoy the music of The Ellen Degenerates as part of the 2017 edition of Porchfest Somerville. - Photo by Joe Ruvido

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Alderman At-Large Dennis Sullivan is having his campaign kickoff this Thursday night, May 18, at the Old Magoun's Saloon, 518 Medford Street in Magoun Square. Dennis has been a solid voice on the Board for the residents, asking the right questions all the time. He's the only one that does "meet the Alderman" out in public in various parts of the city, and is very accessible to the community. Step up and join him this Thursday night.

Somerville Council of PTA's is having its 43rd Annual PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance on Friday, May 19 at Anthony's of Malden, celebrating the accomplishments of the honorees and scholarship recipients. Another great Somerville scholarship program. For information and tickets contact Leah Arredondo, Treasurer, 10 Harvard Place, Somerville, MA 02143.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 1, at the Cantina La Mexicana in Union Square. The very popular Alderman At-Large Bill White will be holding his campaign kickoff/fundraiser. Bill has been known as one of the smartest alderman on the board, even by his fellow alderman. He's been elected and re-elected as President of the Board now for a few years. We think Bill has been a good alderman for the people here in the city for many years and hope he continues. So come out and show your support for him. We think Bill is very dedicated to the city and who crunches the figures better and asks the right questions when budget time comes around.

We had a call from Somerville resident Lucille Bordonaro who saw a comment online from Ann Lanzillo and was wondering if she was the Ann from the old West End in Boston. If anyone is from the old West End and lives in Somerville let us know. Lucille would love to get in contact with some old neighbors from the Leverett St. area or that old West End area.

Happy birthday this week here in the Ville: Happy birthday to Melissa Hurley (Sullivan) the wife of Dennis Sullivan. We wish Melissa a great day and week. Happy birthday to Caroline Shea Rosas, who is celebrating this

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Letter to Editor - May 11

Max says:

I understand your frustration. However, I feel that some of the problems stem from youth soccer playing 2 seasons each year. They compete with Pop Warner in the Fall and Little League in the Spring, and this also leads to problems with the fields due to over-use. Is there a fee charged for use of the outdoor fields? I know that youth basketball pays quite a large fee to use the gyms in the schools for their practices and games. At one point in your letter you complain that teams were forced to use a grass field, and then you go on to state that the coaches need a reliable turf field. You also complain that there isn't a dedicated field specifically for U12 teams to use. It seems to me that youth soccer is asking for an awful lot, and far more than what other youth sports teams 'require'.

Matt says:

Max, The priority is making sure kids have the ability to be active outdoors. We have limited space so we have to go where the demand is, Im sure that if we had a high enough demand for lacrosse that would displace the soccer leagues. Till the demand exists keep the kids on the field.

Response to: What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Wayan Effington says:

Richard is one of Somerville's best. Fully dedicated and selfless. The man deserves thanks and recognition by all of us, the City in particular.

Response to: Our creative victorious robotics team

Wayan Effington says:

Congratulations to our champion robotics wizards! These kids are fantastic.

Response to: Somerville PorchFest Returns on Sat., May 13

Julian Forrest says:

A fun bunch of players this year-great music. Keep it going. More than once a year would be awesome.

Response to: LGBTQ Pride Flag Raising on SHS Concourse

Courtney O'Keefe says:

This is one of my favorite Pride events in the City. I'm looking forward to seeing the colors raised at City Hall on the 25th. Just a reminder to all who attend, you are allowed to photograph and video the flag raising using your phones. Spreading the love from this event via social media and through your networks is needed especially in the current political climate. I am happy to confirm this after being lied to by a Somerville High School teacher 4 years ago who told me I was not allowed to photograph this event because they prohibited cell phone use by students during certain hours of the school day. I took the photo anyway.

Response to: Are you a Villen?

April T says:

I agree with Courtney.

The use of the word "retarded" went out with the term "Slummerville", Mary.

Response to: Mom and the Trees

Margaret Powell says:

Very moving story. Thanks for sharing.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Somerville Mothers out Front deliver postcards to Governor highlighting climate change

By Anne Goodwin

Members of Mothers Out Front Massachusetts, a grassroots movement of mothers and other caregivers focused on climate change, delivered 2,163 postcards to Governor Baker's Beacon Hill office last Friday.

The postcards, signed by Massachusetts citizens, urge the Governor to "unite with mothers to create a healthy environment today and a livable climate tomorrow for all children."

This event was part of a nationwide Mother's Day campaign to remind elected officials and other decision makers of the importance of climate action. The text on the post-cards reads "Natural gas was supposed to be a bridge fuel, easing our transition from coal and oil to wind and solar. Pipelines are not bridges; they are dead ends. Don't trap us with shortsighted investments that benefit people over industry."

Jennifer McClain of Lexington spoke for Mothers Out Front. "We are here on behalf of hundreds of people throughout Massachusetts who we have spoken with directly, and the thousands of others who share our sentiments. Together we all ask you to say, no more pipelines. No more placing our future and that of our children at risk. No more placing our children's present at risk. We have better choices in Massachusetts. Please step up, speak up, and make better choices for us all."

The postcard delivery was timed to coincide with the daily vigil of Andrea Honore, a mother of two who has been sitting on a couch outside the Governor's office for 15 minutes on her lunch hour every day since February 28, 2017, hoping to talk to the Governor about a proposed natural gas compressor station in Weymouth. Each time she visits the Governor's office, she leaves a note for him about the risks associated with the compressor station - part of the Atlantic Bridge pipeline being built by Enbridge, a Canadian pipeline company that is now the largest oil and gas pipeline company in North America.

"Pipelines are not bridges; they are dead ends"

Weymouth residents opposed to the compressor station, including Honore, are calling on the Governor to oppose a Coastal Zone Management permit for the compressor station, one of several permits necessary for the project to proceed.



Members of Mothers out Front, including Randi Soltysiak of Somerville, delivered over 2000 postcards to Governor Baker last Friday in honor of Mother's Day. These postcards asked the Governor to take a stand and speak out against new pipelines in the state.



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Honore stood with Mothers Out Front, saying, "Like California, Massachusetts should be leading the U.S. in renewable energy storage and use. New gas infrastructure is not wanted nor needed in Massachusetts."

A public forum to learn about gas leaks, how they are found, the damage they cause, the challenges involved, and what is being done about them, is planned for Saturday, May 20th at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at East Somerville Community School Auditorium, 50 Cross St.

Somerville state representative Christine Barber, lead sponsor of a key gas leaks bill, and other public officials and experts, as well as representatives from National Grid and Eversource will participate. Meet other concerned citizens, make your voice heard, and learn how you can take action. A link to the event is on the Mothers Out Front - Somerville Facebook page, and a map of Somerville's leaks can be found at squeakyleak.org.

Want to write local Somerville stories? Call 617-666-4010 and speak to the Assignment Editor

By Jim Clark

A whole lot of stuff fit into that purse

Police officers were dispatched to the TJ Maxx store at Assembly Row last week on reports that a shop lifter exited the store and refused to return the stolen merchandise.

While en route to the store, the officers were informed that the suspect was walking towards Assembly Row. They were able to locate and stop the suspect, later identified as

Deanne Fronduto, of Medford, at the intersection of Assembly Row and Artisan Way.

The officers informed Fronduto of the reason for the stop, and she reportedly stated that she did not steal anything and claimed that all of the merchandise that was inside of her purse belonged to her.

The officers requested that the store Loss Prevention staffer

identify all of the stolen merchandise. The employee reportedly confirmed that all of the merchandise located inside of her purse was stolen.

According to reports, the Loss Prevention staffer stated that while conducting floor surveillance, she observed Fronduto selecting the merchandise and concealing it inside of her purse. She also stated that she observed Fronduto walk past all points of sale, fail to pay for the concealed merchandise, and exit the store. She further stated that once she was outside she identified herself and requested that Fronduto return the stolen merchandise and go back inside the store.

She then stated that Fronduto refused to cooperate and fled on foot towards Assembly Row.

The Loss Prevention staffer then recovered two dresses, one pair of jean shorts, one bottle of lotion, two gift bags, one card, and three iPad cases from Fronduto's purse. The officers were informed that the total value of the stolen merchandise was \$264.90.

Fronduto was subsequently placed under arrest for larceny over \$250.

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Arrests:

Deanne Fronduto, of 121 Central Ave., Medford, May 9, 6:43 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Shawn Francey, of 75 Myrtle

St., May 10, 12:34 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Alain Pierre-Louis, of 11 Georgetown Place, Hyde Park, May 11, 5:07 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to wear a seatbelt, and failure to stop or yield.

Tony Perez, of 10A Memorial Rd., May 11, 10:51 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a

warrant charge of juror failure to appear.

Chris Reyes, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, May 13, 11:03 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, threat to commit a crime, and resisting arrest.

Daniel Ryan, of 11 Mineral, Reading, May 14, 5:01 a.m., arrested at Lowell St. on a warrant charge of larceny from a building.

City labor reps petition BOA to support contract resolution CONT. FROM PG 1

those six years."

The resolution presented a need for city negotiators to accept evergreen clauses in newly negotiated collective bargaining agreements. One of the document's main arguments for inclusion states that "except for the city of Somerville," evergreen clauses are "almost universally accepted provisions in labor agreements in the Commonwealth."

An evergreen clause is a provision in both private and public-sector collective bargaining agreements (CBA) that allows for the continuation of an original contract for a set period of time after its expiration, usually until a new contract is negotiated or terminated.

Evergreen clauses were legalized in Massachusetts in 2011 after then-Governor Deval Patrick signed a bill overturning a state Supreme Judicial Court ruling the year before. The 2010 court ruling had found that evergreen clauses were not permitted under statue 150e of Massachusetts Labor Relations Laws. As of today, such clauses are legal in private contracts nationwide under the National Labor

Relations Act.

The aldermen unanimously signed on to the document, each submitting comments as to why they supported it. Alderman At-Large Dennis Sullivan gave the most fervent testimonial, arguing that city employees and unions should be able to "buy in good faith" by having language in place that protects both employees and employers equally.

When working without a contract, the only way for Somerville city employees to currently address contract-related issues is to file a formal grievance through a union body. According to Halloran, grievance and arbitration procedures are intended as a "peaceful means of resolving disputes" related to city contract violations.

Without the ability to file for a formal grievance procedure, city employees who are working without a contract are at risk of having basic provisions changed without their notice until a new contract is negotiated. These changes can be made to important employee rights provisions, for example, agreements regarding vacation time and pension termination.

Halloran, who is also the President of the Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA), says that in recent years, unions have filed few grievances because city negotiators "routinely" dismiss evergreen proposals by unions citywide. Currently, certain businesses in the SMEA have been undergoing negotiations with the city for contracts that expired last year.

"For the past year, we have once again been in negotiations with the city for contract negotiations. Again, we are without an evergreen clause, and again, we are operating without the right to enforce our contract through arbitration," said Halloran.

Thomas Ross, co-chair of the SLC, admitted that he was "embarrassed" to know that union representatives needed to come to the BOA to resolve the issue. Ross, who is a retired firefighter and current President of the Somerville Firefighter's Union, revealed that unions have resorted to receiving assistance from the Department of Labor to renegotiate contracts.

"This is very simple. I'm kind of embarrassed that we have to come to the Board of Aldermen for support in a city that has been described as progressive and Democratic, and we're coming to the point where we're begging the Board to support this type of thing," Ross said in his opening statements.

Ross explained that even police and firefighters' unions are struggling to renegotiate contracts, despite the fact that a Joint Management Committee guarantees them the right to arbitration when a contract expires. He also revealed that more than one hundred labor charges have been brought against the city by the SMEA over the past five years.

Furthermore, Ross stated that in some cases, the city has threatened to refuse signing future contract agreements with unions who choose to include evergreen clauses, and that they will be considered invalid upon expiration.

"There's a metaphorical gun pointed at some of the heads of the unions in this city right now. It's basically saying: 'give us your evergreen clause, or we will never sign a contract with you. You will never sign another contract, and yours will be null and void." Ross is hopeful that the inclusion of an evergreen clause will provide a more seamless transition from contract-to-contract that does not involve threats from the city administration. By memorializing the grievances procedures and benefits from an employee's original contract upon expiration, unions want to resolve an ever-present barrier to fair negotiations in recent years.

"The men and women in the city unions are dedicated and hard working every day on behalf of the citizens. They do not deserve the back of the city's hand when asking to renew contracts," said Halloran.

Both Halloran and Ross agreed that unions would benefit their constituents most efficiently if they were able to negotiate contracts through a more seamless transition process. Furthermore, city unions hope to end the notion among city negotiators that "anything is up for grabs" with regards to the violation of contracts during renegotiation.

"This has nothing to do with money, it has to do with what's right for the hard working employees of the city," concluded Ross

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'Memorial Week' celebrations for week leading up to Memorial Day

By Tom Bannister

In honor of Somerville's veterans and all those who have served our nation, the City of Somerville announces a full week of Memorial/Armed Forces Week celebrations, beginning on Saturday, May 20.

The 2017 ceremonies also coincide with the City's 175th Anniversary of its separation from Charlestown, and the annual Veterans' Memorial Parade will also honor and celebrate Somerville's history, dating back to the Revolutionary War era.

In addition to the weeklong series of events, please take special note that the annual parade will take place the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend. The parade will be held on Sunday, May 21, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please see below for additional details and a schedule of events.

Heroes Salute, Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m., Somerville High School Auditiorium.

The 2017 Heroes Salute will honor eight Somerville residents

who have served our country and contributed to the overall fabric of our community. The 2017 honorees are:

- Ernest Bosia (Killed in Action, WWII) - Hero Square
- Daniel Duffy (Killed in Action, Vietnam) - Hero Square Dedication
- James Marques (Purple Heart Recipient, Korea) - Hero Square Dedication
- + Hugh McQuade (Purple Heart Recipient, WWI) - Hero Square Dedication

This year, the creation of a "Greatest Generation Hall of Fame" will honor Veterans for WWII service and their commitment to the City of Somerville by returning after military service. 2017 inductees are:

- + Lawrence Bolt
- William Duffy
- Alfred Soccorsso

Finally, the 2017 Salute will honor Mayor Emeritus Eugene C. Brune, with a "Profile in Courage" Lifetime Achievement



Veterans' Memorial Parade, Sunday, May 21, 1 p.m., steps off from City Hall Concourse

The 2017 parade is one week earlier to encourage more community involvement as we honor our military and Veterans in a celebration of service. With 84 participating groups that bring music, exhibitions and representatives of our five branches of the armed forces, youth engagement, Somerville Schools, Veterans groups, and historical groups that tie in the historical significance of our City and celebrate its cultural diversity, the 2017 parade will be one of the largest in recent memory, and in the region. Pay special attention to a brand new viewing stand, and surprise elements, in Davis Square.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The 2017 parade will be held one week earlier than in previous years. Please note the date change.
- The 2017 parade route will end at the fire station in Teele

Square, and will NOT continue to the Veterans Memorial Cem-

The 2017 Parade Grand Marshalls are two women veterans: Vietnam-era Veteran Hazel Evans, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran Theresa "Phe" Need-

Street closures will apply beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please visit www.somervillema.gov for additional information.

Somerville Honor and Remembrance Ceremony, Thursday, May 25, 6:00 p.m. Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Broadway, across from Clarendon Hill

This event will be a candlelight vigil reflecting the true meaning of Memorial Day. Please don't miss this opportunity to come together to continue our week of remembrance here in the City of Somerville.

Memorial on the Mystic: Concert and Fireworks Tribute, Baxter Park, Assembly Row, 7:30

This performance capstones Memorial Week with a musical performance that illustrates the true meaning of Memorial Day, and provides a message of hope for our country as we honor those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price for freedom. The evening ceremony will combine the talents of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony, vocal ensemble N'Harmony, and special performances by the Somerville All-City Chorus and the Somerville High School

The highlight of the evening will be a stunning fireworks display over the Mystic River honoring the service and sacrifice of our Nation. Special thanks to our event sponsors Federal Realty Investment Trust, and Wynn Resorts/Wynn Boston Harbor.

For more information on any or all events, contact Veterans' Services at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700, or email Bryan Bishop at BBishop@somervillema.gov.

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Rep. Christine Barber

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Denise Provost

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Mike Connolly

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of May 8-12. There were no roll calls in the Senate.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for FAIRNESS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS (H

House 150-0, approved and sent to the Senate the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act aimed at preventing discrimination based on pregnancy and guaranteeing reasonable accommodations and safety measures for pregnant mothers. Reasonable accommodations include time off to recover from childbirth; more frequent, longer paid or unpaid breaks; acquiring or modifying equipment or seating arrangements; obtaining a temporary transfer; job restructuring; lighter duty; and a private non-bathroom space for expressing breast milk -- unless any of these would create undue hardship on the employer.

The legislation also prohibits an employer from discriminating against, refusing to employ or terminating a woman because she is pregnant or has a condition related to pregnancy.

Supporters said a pregnant woman should not have to fear losing her job when she could continue working with some reasonable adjustments. They argued the bill would ensure pregnant women are treated fairly in the workplace. They noted that pregnant women are pushed out of their jobs and often treated worse than other employees with similar limitations.

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

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

RULING OF THE ACTING SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (H 3680)

House 116-34, upheld the ruling of the Acting Speaker of the House that an amendment that would have provided the same protections in the bill to a pregnant woman if she was unable to work "due to the health of the unborn child" was beyond the scope of the pregnancy bill before the House and should not be allowed on the House floor for debate.

Supporters of the chair's ruling there is no reference to an unborn child in the bill, and therefore the amendment is beyond the scope of the bill.

Opponents of the ruling said that according to Webster's Dictionary, the definition of pregnancy is "an unborn child." They noted that this proves that "the health of the unborn child" amendment is clearly related to pregnancy which is the focus of the entire bill. They said the amendment should be allowed onto the floor for debate and a vote.

(A "Yes" vote is for upholding the ruling of the chair and favors banning the amendment from the floor. A "No" vote is against the ruling and favors allowing the amendment to go to the floor for debate and a vote.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INCREASE TAX BREAK FOR VETERANS (H

1602) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that makes a change in the current law that allows cities and towns to establish a program permitting veterans to volunteer their services to the community in exchange for up to a \$1,000 property tax reduction. The proposal raises the reduction to \$1,500.

Supporters said this increase is overdue and will help thousands of veteran homeowners who made sacrifices to defend the nation.

TAX BREAK FOR BUSINESSES NEGATIVELY IMPACTED (H 3352) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow local cities and towns to reduce by up to 50 percent the property tax on any business that can prove that it was negatively affected by a public works or municipal utility company project.

Supporters said currently cities and towns can provide a tax break for new or expanding businesses but can offer no relief to the business that is losing customers and money because of things like a multi-year bridge project nearby.

ALLOW BUSINESSES TO OPT INTO "DO NOT

CALL" LIST (H 137) - The Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure held a hearing on a proposal restricting telemarketing companies doing business in the state by allowing businesses to sign up for a "do not call" list and fining companies up to \$5,000 if they call a business on the list. Current law only allows individual consumers to sign up for the list.

Under the bill, all current laws that now apply to individuals would also apply to businesses including allowing an individual on the list to sue a company for up to \$5,000 if the company violates the law and calls the individual more than once a year; preventing companies from blocking their number from appearing on any business' Caller ID box; prohibiting companies from using recorded message devices to make these calls; and restricting these calls to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Supporters said this long overdue bill will finally allow businesses to put a stop to these annoying invasions. They argued the system has worked well for consumers and will be a success for businesses.

"THE WALL" AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 3034) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit Massachusetts sheriffs from sending inmates out of state to help build President Donald Trump's U.S. - Mexico border wall (H 3034).

Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson has said for several months that he would like to help the construction of the wall by sending inmates from the Bristol County House of Correction to go down south and assist in the construction.

Opponents said that Massachusetts inmates should not be sent out of state to help with a project of the federal government.

Another bill before the committee would prohibit state money being used to train local law enforcement or correction officers in immigration law (H 3033).

Both bills are supported by the 9-member Trump Administration Working Group that was created to provide guidance on how the Legislature should respond to the actions of the Trump Administration and help find possible legislative responses and solutions. The group, created by House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop), has a mission to determine the local consequences of Trump's actions with the focus on economic stability, health care, higher education and the state's most

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vulnerable residents. All nine members of the group are Democratic legislators. The group is co-chaired by Reps. Patricia Haddad (D-Somerset) and Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy).

ADOPT AN EMBRYO (H 788) - Another bill on the Judiciary Committee's agenda would allow adults to petition the probate court for the adoption of an embryo. Embryos are often left over from in vitro fertilization attempts to help couples have children.

The couples would have the option of freezing the embryos and then donating them to other couples, giving them to scientists for embryonic stem-cell research or destroying them.

Supporters say that his bill would protect couples who receive the embryos by ensuring that they legally adopt the embryos and cannot be challenged at a later date.

Opponents say that the bill is unnecessary because nearly all infertility clinics already offer couples the option of donating their leftover embryos to other couples. They say that that this "adopt an embryo" term is supported by right to life groups to promote the belief that frozen embryos are the equivalent of children.

TAX COLLEGE ENDOWMENTS (H 1617) - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on legislation that

would impose an excise tax on private universities that have an endowment fund in excess of \$1 billion. The tax would be 2.5 percent of the institution's funds that ex-

ceed \$1 billion. The bill earmarks the revenue for subsidizing the cost of higher education, early education and child care for lower-income and middle-class residents. Current state law exempts nonprofit institutions, including universities, from paying property taxes.

Supporters of the tax said it could raise millions of dollars and noted it is unfair that these schools are not paying taxes on these huge endowments. They noted that these institutions operate like large wealthy corporations and enjoy many of the advantages and benefits the state provides.

Some opponents say that many schools already pay their host communities millions of dollars under the voluntary Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program that encourages institutions to provide money to their host communities through a wide variety of ways ranging from outright cash payments to scholarships for local students.

Others said the tax is unconstitutional and could hurt the Bay State's image as the leader in higher education. Some expressed concern that the funds, although "earmarked" for these educational purposes might end up in the General Fund.

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 8-12, the House met for a total of four hours and 34 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 51 minutes.

Mon. May 8	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Tues. May 9	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 10	House 11:12 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. No Senate session.
Thurs. May 11	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:44 a.m. Senate 11:36 a.m. to 12:09 p.m.

Fri. May 12 No House session No Senate session

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

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

SHS Scholarship Foundation annual raffle drawing

By Donald Norton

A good sized crowd was present at Somerville High School's Highlander Café last Friday, hoping to not just win the grand prize of \$10K but to raise a lot of money for the SHS Scholarship Foundation.

Former Mayor Gene Brune was at his usual good-natured best hosting the raffle drawing.

233 tickets were sold at \$100 each. The drawing lasted about an hour and a half, at which time many prizes were awarded to those who participated.

The food was prepared by the High School Culinary Dept. students and was very well received.

The Grand Prize was stopped at the last 10 numbers to be called and those holding the tickets decided to split the grand prize of \$1,000 each.

It was a great night for an awesome cause. The Foundation works very hard to be able to have many scholarships available to help our graduating students. For more information on how you can help or be a part of the Foundation, contact the president Joseph Favaloro at PO Box 440275, Somerville 02144.





LGBTQ Pride flag raising

Join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville High School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) on Thursday, May 25, at 2:45 p.m., to raise the Pride flag in honor of LGBTQ Pride Month and LGBTQ Youth Pride. The ceremony will take place on the City Hall concourse, 93 Highland Ave. Mayor Curtatone, Somerville Director of Human Services Nancy Bacci, Somerville High School teacher and Gay/Straight Alliance Advisor Julia Post, and Liam Keefe, student representative from GSA will speak at the event. The event is open to the public, and community members are invited to join in celebrat-



ing LGBTQ youth and the diversity that makes Somerville great. For more information about the GSA and other LGBT programming, events and information, contact nbacci@somervillema.gov.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #129

Everett

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Edward Everett's political rise began in 1825 while living in his mansion-like home on the summit of Winter Hill. From this elevation, he enjoyed a panoramic view of South Malden.

He didn't see the thousands of houses that are there today, the future Assembly Square or the \$2.4 billion-dollar casino and convention design project across the Mystic River. He witnessed a charming landscape of meadowlands and the Wellington farm area that hugged the Mystic's shore.



Everett's home was on the path of Paul Revere's ride, and his speech at Lexington brought the famous ride to light. His life spanned from 1794 to 1865; and during this era, he became the country's most famous public speaker.

His education was extraordinary. Born in Dorchester, he began his education in 1804 at the Webster School, followed by Boston Latin in 1805, and Phillips Exeter Academy in 1807. He went on to attend Harvard University.

There he received an A.B. with highest honors in 1811, an A.M. in Divinity Studies in 1814, and a Professorship in 1815 with a grant to study in Europe. In 1817, while studying in Germany, he received a PhD. It was the first given to an American. In 1819, as a professor of



Greek literature, he taught at Harvard and later became president of the college.

During his public life, he served as: Congressman from Massachusetts 1825 to 1835 Governor of Massachusetts 1836 to 1840 Minister to England 1841 to 1845 President of Harvard University 1846 to 1849 Secretary of State 1852 to 1853 Senator from Massachusetts 1853 to 1854 Vice-Presidential Candidate 1860 During the Civil War, he canvassed Continued on page 15

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Election 2017 update

The following are citizens who have pulled nomination papers for elected office in Somerville:

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Mayor	Curtatone	Joseph A	Joe
Alderman at Large	Sullivan	Dennis	Michael
	Mbah	Will	
	Tarpley	Kevin	Allen
	Rossetti	Mary Jo	
	Fitzgerald	Sean	J
	White	William	A Bill Jr
	Connolly	John M	Jack
	Hirsh	Stephanie	Α
Alderman Ward 1	Mclaughlin	Matthew	С
Alderman Ward 2	Scott	JT	
	Heuston	Mary Ann	
Alderman Ward 3	McWatters	Robert	
Alderman Ward 4	Klingan	Jesse	
	Boukili	Omar	
Alderman Ward 5	Niedergang	Mark	
Alderman Ward 6	Davis	Lance	
Alderman Ward 7	Ballantyne	Katajana	
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School Committee Ward 1	Hamlin	Guillermo	Samuel
	Salvato	Kenneth	М
	Pratt	Tracey	Leah
	Ackman	Emily	
School Committee Ward 2		1	
School Committee Ward 3	Palmer	Lee	Erica
School Committee Ward 4	Green	Andre	L
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School Committee Ward 7	Normand	Caroline	Carrie
Concor Committee Ward /	Litornana	Caronine	Joanne

There are lots of empty seats still, and for some only one candidate is running. So far, Ward One now has the potential for having four candidates for School Committee.

Potential candidates for public office here in Somerville this year have until Monday, June 26, to obtain nomination papers. The final date to submit them with the required signatures is Wednesday, June 28. The certification of nomination papers to be completed, filed by the Board of Election Commissioners by July 17. — Donald Norton

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Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters packs them in

By Donald Norton

On Tuesday night well over a 100 friends and supporters jammed into Sally O'Brien's Pub on Somerville Avenue for Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters' campaign kickoff/fundraiser. At one point the crowd was so large it was out the door and onto the sidewalk, with no room to move around.

Alderman McWatters - also known as the constituent's alderman – was so pleased that in spite of other events taking place in the city last night, it seemed like everyone wanted to make sure they came for this one.

Addressing the crowd first was Ward 3 resident and friend, Tom



Left to right: Middlesex DA Marian Ryan, Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters and Alderman At-Large Jack Connolly.

Bent, who spoke and introduced some of the candidates that also came out to wish Bob the best in this his re-election kickoff.

Another well-known Ward 3 resident here in the community,

Bill Shelton, talked about the job Bob has done for the residents of the ward.

Alderman McWatters spoke and thanked everyone for attending and showing their support for him. He mentioned that he enjoyed representing his ward and the great people in it.

Some of the notables present were former Mayor Gene Brune, and many of the present aldermen and candidates for various offices citywide and in other wards. Alderman Maryann Heuston of Ward 2 was there to show her support and candidate for Continued on page 16



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Honorable Board of Square Neighborhood Council. Aldermen:

Following review by board members and staff, our organizations would like to share the following points regarding pending matters related to the development of Union Square:

- We support the Community Benefits Ordinance and urge its adoption to advance responsible Union Square development and community benefits.
- · We find the Covenant as written to be a sufficient indication of Union Square Station Associates' commitment to a suitable role for the Union

· We urge the Board of Aldermen to exercise its due diligence in May and adopt the Union Square zoning by May 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Neu, Chair, Union Square Main Streets

Courtney O'Keefe, Executive Director, Somerville Local First

Stephen V. Mackey, President/CEO, Somerville Chamber of Commerce

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at this month's notable city data—and interesting numbers.

11,156: That's the total number of calls related to traffic and parking topics that 311 has fielded so far this year. Traffic and parking calls continue to outnumber any other call topic (although we have seen a slight reduction in the number of calls compared to last year), and the calls we receive fall into 48 different traffic and parking categories. Of those, one category accounts for more than 25 percent of calls: obtaining a parking permit.

It's no surprise that parking permit inquiries make up such a large chunk of our call volume because the City offers 36 different permit types, and the application processes can be difficult at times. However, we are continually working to make the process easier and more efficient.

One key support is to have 311 service representatives available 24/7 to assist you. Equally important, 311 and Traffic and Parking frequently review and update information on each of those categories to ensure that 311 staff, as well as constituents using our online services or mobile app, can readily access needed information such as the requirements for a certain permit or where to go to appeal a ticket. If you have feedback on your experience, we're always happy to consider your suggestions. Please call 311 or email 311updates@somervillema.gov with your comments.

100: That's the percentage of the 140 Somerville High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) graduates who are headed either for career positions in their field of study, to college or other post-secondary education institutions, or to the military. That is a remarkable accomplishment, but that certainly isn't the only one the CTE class of 2017 racked up this year. They are the first graduating class to have competed at Skills

USA where they medaled at the highest levels in numerous categories including culinary arts, dental sciences, architectural design, and carpentry. CTE students complete a rigorous academic curriculum in addition to their technical career training requirements, and every Somerville student who wishes to enroll in a CTE program can do so.

roll in a CTE program can do so. 46: May is National Bicycle Safety Month, and while bike safety is on our agenda year-round, in honor of Safety Month, here's a quick look at current bicycling data and safety initiatives. Currently, the city has 46 miles of sharrows, bike lanes, and bike paths, and according to the most recent census data, there are 3,180 bicycle commuters here, not to mention the many people who visit here from neighboring communities and arrive by bicycle. Upcoming projects to improve and increase the safety of our bike infrastructure include completing protected bike lanes on Beacon St., upgrading the bicycle facilities in Union Square, extending the Community Path as part of the Green Line Extension project, and continuing our education efforts around critical safety in-

formation (including inserting info cards on bicycle road markings with all mailed parking permits this spring). Recently, we also lowered speed limits on most roads citywide to 25 mph and added more 20 mph safety zones, which has been shown to reduce fatalities and serious injuries for all commuters. But just as important as what we do, is what you do. No matter whether you walk, ride, cycle, or drive, please always remain alert and obey the rules of the road to help keep one another safe.

28: That's the number of photographs currently on exhibit at City Hall as part of Somerville photographer Randi Freundlich's ongoing Children of the World series. The series tells stories about children of immigrant families, each from a different country, who live in the Boston area including in Somerville. Amid all the sweeping misrepresentations and demonizing of immigrants emanating from the White House, this exhibit humanizes and opens up a window to the lives of some of our youngest new residents. With compelling photographs, Freundlich highlights and celebrates each child's personality, and with

accompanying texts, she captures another sort of snapshot of their lives. I walk by these photographs every weekday at City Hall and each time I catch something new and meaningful in them. To date, families from 55 different countries have been included in the series. Some of the photographs displayed in the City Hall exhibit were taken by participants in The Welcome Project's youth program. A grant from the Somerville Arts Council allowed Randi to work with program participants around photography skills and exploring their identities and cultures. The exhibit will remain up in City Hall through June. I hope you'll take the time to come view it.

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

The new Somerville High School



By Joe Beckman

In 1924, Upton Sinclair wrote a book on schools called *The Goslings*. He wrote, "The purpose of this book is to show you how the 'invisible government' of Big Business which controls the rest of America has taken over the charge of your children." In March, the Somerville Board of Aldermen unanimously approved a bond issue for a school most likely to challenge Sinclair's critique.

As currently budgeted, the new Somerville High School will cost \$256,000,000, of which the city is, as Sinclair might put it, "on the hook" for \$132,019,397 – not a small chunk of change. As a Somerville elder, the city allows me to defer all property taxes until I die or move from

my home. So I can address the school's cost issues, as Sinclair might have seen, free of personal financial involvement.

I am still very cautious about a school that, at \$250,000 per seat, produces costs nearly two and a half times those of the most expensive school ever built in Massachusetts. But, with its planned and approved innovations, I can begin to see a rosy future.

Those innovations include the groundbreaking Powderhouse Studios, which last year received an international award from the XQ Foundation for an offsite educational laboratory for over 100 students to transform secondary education.

That transformation is consistent with Sinclair's view that schools should work for kids, not just the budget masters, and that our children merit more than goslings – the children of geese. XQ's view was confirmed by none other than President Obama, over lunch with the Mayor and Superintendent, recognizing Somerville's deep

innovation.

Because of that innovation, the new High School can be a wise investment.

The Powderhouse Studios model exploits the former Powderhouse School building as a laboratory school, to develop and test a wide range of innovations for up to 200 kids, as well as a source of affordable housing and community. It's educational design is not unlike the new Fab-Lab, in the High Schools' former auto shop, which already produces serious innovations and is the focus of nationally acclaimed prizes earned by students.

The FabLab team includes several of the same team members as Powderhouse Studios – from Sprout & Co., incubators, and work-study, pre-professional education, and work-space partners. The FabLab and the Powderhouse models represent a makerspace view of how to invent, create, learn, and teach teachers and students, parents, adults and others in the community.

In other words, it is a labora-

tory with which students learn from each other, from teachers, and from others, how to invent, explore ideas, and do research, as well as *how to think*. And from all of these sources and their contributions we can pilot, test, and later adapt those innovations, in both the new High School and with and among college and school partners.

FabLab and Powderhouse are, in fact, the next wave of education that Sinclair called for nearly a century ago. And if they are anywhere near what Sinclair anticipated, they will attract students, teachers, grad students, and college partners. This kind of learning laboratory should also engage incubators, ranging from Greentown Labs, to Canopy, to the Bow Center, and other innovations in Kendall Square.

Given the cost of the High School, the city is undertaking exceptional risk. Yet the risk of a more traditional school for an increasingly less traditional economy might be higher.

We can see – as Sinclair anticipated – how exploitative college

pricing undermines a traditional degree. More expensive does not always mean better. And in education particularly, price has little to do with value.

For the new High School, the challenge will be both educational and entrepreneurial. Powderhouse Studios and FabLab will develop and test new ways to address educational needs.

The challenge will be – as the Superintendent seems to recognize quite well – to make the Powderhouse model work and then to adapt its best approaches to the High School itself. And for that new high school to influence, impact, engage, and attract students, teachers, and others.

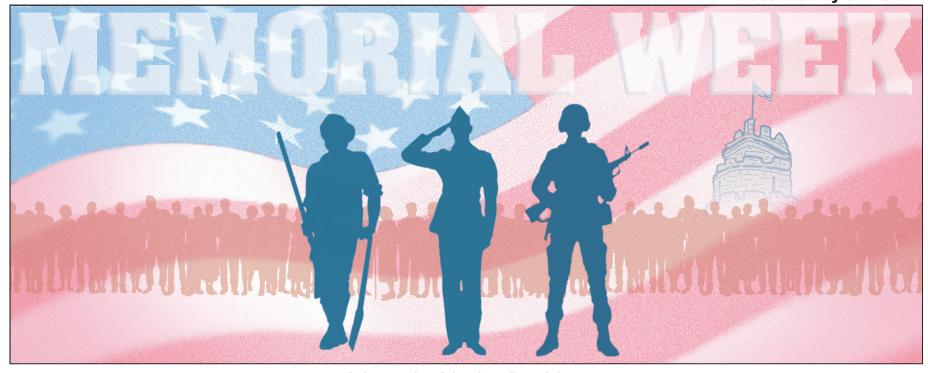
We have, in fact and in cash investment, become the Northeast's (New England's and New York's) secondary school laboratory through that XQ award. We now face the challenge of living up to that standard.

In viewing that challenge, it's wise to look back at critics like Upton Sinclair. He stressed the weaknesses of segregating kids by age rather Continued on page 16

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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A day worth celebrating 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 individuals 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.

Many of us will go out and enjoy the great parade this coming Sunday, a week earlier than in years past. It is always inspirational and a great place to meet old

friends and perhaps 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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week as well. We hope she has a great day. To a former Somerville resident, well-known **Scott Diamond**, who grew up off North Street. We hope he has a great birthday. To all others celebrating this week, we hope you have a great day!

Still only eight candidates for Alderman At-Large. One more makes a primary. The top eight will run in the final November 7 election when the four will be elected. The job pays \$40K a year and requires the aldermen to attend two monthly meetings of the full Board, as well as many of the committee and neighborhood meetings. Not bad for \$40K a year.

A political rumor flying around has it that **one** – **maybe two** – of the present aldermen aren't being very nice with their fellow aldermen. They are allegedly involved with people running against certain aldermen. We will have more about this in the next few weeks. We even have an exclusive interview lined up that will spill the beans on the one or two aldermen in question. Should be interesting!

Remember, the 175th birthday of our city is this year. Celebratory events are scheduled throughout the coming year. Contact City Hall for more information about events you might be interested in.

On June 24, the Second Annual East Somerville Reunion will happen at the Somerville City Club on Innerbelt Road, across from Holiday Inn. The last event two years ago was very successful, and many have asked for another. All those that grew up in East Somerville in the 60's, 70's and 80's are cordially invited to come enjoy and reacquaint yourself with old friends. On Facebook go to the page "Somerville reunion 17" and let them know you're attending. Come and have some fun. Hook up with old friends. Eat, drink, and dance your ass off to a live band. Tickets available at City Club Bar. \$10 each at the door. This is an adults only event. No one under 21 allowed.

You are invited to join Alderman At-Large Jack Connolly for his birthday celebration and kick-off fundraiser on Wednesday, May 24 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tyler St, Somerville. Jack has decades of experience and has watched Somerville become a beautiful city by supporting job growth and development with the support of projects including the Green Line Extension and the building of the new Somerville High School. As your Alderman At-Large, and with your support, Jack continues to fight for working families, immigrant safety, senior services, and a major focus on the local opioid epidemic.

A broad coalition of community groups will rally on May 18 urging a "no" vote by the city's **Planning Board** on **Federal Realty Investment Trust's** request for a waiver from the requirement that 20 percent of its 500 proposed luxury units at **Assembly Row** be made "affordable." The rally is at 5:00 p.m. at **Somerville City Hall**.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston and Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters invite you to an important in-

formational meeting on the upcoming Somerville Avenue Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project. The project will address flooding issues in Union Square and includes significant streetscape improvements including enhanced pedestrian, transit, bicycle, and traffic facilities, as called for the community-driven Union Square Neighborhood Plan. The meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St. For more information and to see current plans, www.somervillema.gov/Union-SquareInfrastructure or contact Utilities Project Manager Jessica Fosbrook at JFosbrook@somervillema.gov.

For the past month, Prospect Hill Academy has been participating in a reading challenge called "Pig Out on Reading" and a teacher, their Principal, and Assistant Principal will kiss Daisy the Pig in front of the entire school, since they read for over 5,000 hours. The Pig Out on Reading Assembly will be held on Friday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m., 15 Webster Ave in Union Square.

Porchfest 2017 rocks Somerville

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indie rock, hip-hop, techno, electronica, blues, funk, pop, and jazz.

In a one-mile walk from Teele Square to College Ave, one could experience a wide range of sounds and musical styles. On Endicott Ave., Rock band Ten Penny Ransom transitioned from an original rock song to a cover of Chris Isaak's *Wicked Game*. Lead singer Justin Yurasits donned a cowboy hat and a white t-shirt while sipping a glass of rosé.

Across Broadway on Fairmount Ave, indie/alternative trio The Pyramid Thieves combined lead synthesizer with electric drums and bass for a persistently mellow and intriguing sound.

Walking down Powderhouse Boulevard to Wilson Ave., the streets be-

came more crowded and cars had to patiently meander by Georgia Overdrive, who played blues and country music to fans dancing in the street.

Houses hosting bands were very welcoming; one sign on Chandler Street read, "Come out back for acoustic music!"

There remained a festive atmosphere in the air as the last bands unplugged their instruments from amplifiers and normal city rules limiting the playing of live music on porches came back into effect.

Though Porchfest has become a seminal event in the city, it is one of many on a long calendar for the Somerville Arts Council, who will be hosting a Jazz Festival at Powderhouse Park in June.





















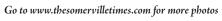














Photos by Claudia Ferro







SPORTS

Olympic medalists, record holders set for Dilboy

By Rebecca Danvers

Olympic medalists, American Record-holders and NCAA Champions are among the first stars set to compete at the second-annual adidas Boost Boston Games distance festival in Somerville on June 2.

Headlining the Somerville roster are Nick Willis, the twotime Olympic medalist at 1500 meters; Dejen Gebremeskel, the 2012 Olympic silver medalist at 5000 meters; and Ajeé Wilson, the 2016 IAAF World Indoor Championships silver medalist at 800 meters.

Tickets for the Somerville distance festival, at \$10, are available at www.adidasboostboston. com, and will again include a

post-race barbecue where fans can get autographs and selfies with world-class athletes. The first 1,000 ticket-buyers will also receive a free T-shirt. The event, which takes place at Dilboy Memorial Stadium, begins at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, June 4, the adidas Boost Boston Games "street meet" will be held on Charles Street in Boston, on a 200-meter track to be erected between the Public Garden and Boston Common. Four Olympic gold medalists from Rio - Wayde van Niekerk, Shaunae Miller-Uibo, Tori Bowie and Jeff Henderson - are already set for that event, and more stars will be announced soon.

Among the athletes who mingled with fans at last year's



Two-time Olympic medalist Nick Willis will be among those competing at the second-annual adidas Boost Boston Games distance festival at Dilboy Field on June 2.

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What product originally called "Little Shortcake Fingers" went out of their whole life? business and returned to
- 2. What catch phrase did fight announcer Michael Buffer trademark?

the market a year later?

- 3. Who was the first Hall of Fame baseball player to appear on the first cover of Sports Illustrated?
- 4. Which Super Bowl MVP was 2005 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year?
- 5. Where was the hottest temperature ever recorded in the U.S.?
- 6. What is a fortnight?

- 7. What 9 digit number stays with U.S. citizens
- 8. What is the only whole number that you can add or multiply by itself and get the same result?
- 9. In the U.S. classic Monopoly game where are the properties used on the board located in the U.S.?
- 10. What property is spelled wrong on the Monopoly board?
- 11. What is the second largest of the Hawaiian Islands
- 12. What was the name of the first article in the first Reader's Digest?

Answers on page 17

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To advertise in The Somerville Times call Bobbie Toner: 617-666-4010 barbecue after the Somerville meet were Willis and Wilson, both of whom have seen great success since their last visit to Dilboy. Willis, the 34-yearold who owns four New Zealand national records, went on last summer to win his second Olympic medal at 1500 meters when he took bronze in Rio, adding to his silver medal from Beijing. And Wilson, the defending 800-meter champion at Dilboy who just turned 23, ran 1:58.27 in February to break the 15-year-old indoor American Record.

Lining up against Willis will be defending champion Collins Cheboi of Kenya and 19-yearold Drew Hunter, who in 2016 broke Alan Webb's 15-year-old high school record in the indoor mile when he ran 3:58.25. In the 800 meters, Wilson will face 2012 European Champion Lynsey Sharp of Great Britain and Charlene Lipsey, the reigning USA Indoor Champion at 1000 meters who also bettered

the previous 800-meter indoor mark when she finished second to Wilson in that race.

Last year here, Gebremeskel ran the third-fastest time in the world for 2016 (12:59.89) in winning a speedy 5000-meter duel against fellow Ethiopian Hagos Gebrhiwet. This year, another fast race could be in the offing, as he will face a trio of medal winners: Thomas Longosiwa of Kenya, the 2012 Olympic bronze medalist; Edwin Soi of Kenya, whose Olympic bronze medal was earned in Beijing; and Muktar Edris of Ethiopia, the 2015 IAAF World Cross Country Championships bronze medalist who ran both the secondand fourth-fastest times in the world last year.

In the men's 800 meters, the first star set is Donavan Brazier, 20, the 2016 NCAA Champion and American Junior Record-holder at the distance.

Once again, the adidas Boys' and Girls' Dream Miles, highlighting the top high school milers in the nation, will be featured in Somerville, while top high school sprinters will be in the spotlight at the adidas Dream 100 on Charles Street.

Girls on the Run at WHCS



Girls on the Run, an empowerment program for girls in grades 3-8, now has a team at Winter Hill Community School. The Girls on the Run Spring 5k takes place on Saturday, June 3 at Hopkinton High School. For more information contact Program Coordinator, Kristen Bonito at Kristen.bonito@girlsontherun.org.

War veteran honored by city



Theresa Needham, a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, stood as she was honored at last week's Board of Aldermen meeting. Needham served in both the Air Force and Army. She now serves at George Dilboy Post. "This is an honor. It is an honor to serve my community at Dilboy Post through my years now, and I am grateful to be able to live here," Needham said, smiling and looking around at those in the room.

— by Jordan Deschenes

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



the North in favor of the Union. His most famous speech was at Gettysburg where he was the keynote speaker. His forgotten two-hour masterpiece was eclipsed by Lincoln's memorable address.

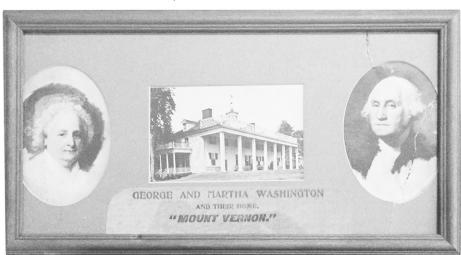
Everett loved what George Washington did for our country and showed it. When informed of the deterioration of Washington's home at Mount Vernon, he acted. He traveled the country for over five years, giving 129 speeches and raised \$70,000 for the cause. He saved Mount Vernon. Today, one million tourists travel there annually making it America's most visited public dwelling.

The doctor's Hippocratic Oath begins with, "I swear by Apollo the healer." Soon after ether's discovery, Everett

made the breakthrough known while giving his speech at the opening of the new Harvard Medical School. He gave a statue of Apollo to Massachusetts General Hospital, which is now in their Ether Dome. Recently, MGH adopted a newly redesigned intranet site for its hospital staff. They named it Apollo.

In 1870, South Malden separated from Malden. Its citizenry couldn't have elected a more deserving statesman to honor their new town. They selected the name of the most celebrated orator of the age, Everett. Looking down from Winter Hill, he would be proud.

Edward Everett was busy all his life working for the common good and more than earned the nickname "Ever-at-it."



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What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

In this special collaborative episode of *SNN* we partnered with Fallon's Daily Toast to bring an exclusive interview with Somerville Mayor, Joe Curtatone. They discuss economic development, sustainability, opioid crisis, green-line extension, sanctuary city, intergovernmental cooperations, waste and more.



Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Media Center, made by professional journalists, interns, volunteers and staff.

NOTICE: MWRA gate valve replacement

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be replacing a gate valve on Boston Ave. in Medford on either Wednesday, May 17 or Thursday, May 18. There is no expected interruption of water service, and the potential for discolored water is minimal for Somerville residents in the Ball Square area. However, if water is discolored it is safe to drink, but it is advisable to avoid washing clothes, especially white fabrics. If any rust stains appear on wet laundry, it should not be dried, and residents can call 311 or 617-666-3311 from cell phones or outside the city for a free bottle of rust remover

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the PH 2 Mystic View Development Concrete Panel Replacement Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: All labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to complete the demo and disposal of 1,950 square feet of existing concrete sidewalk panels at a total of (15) fifteen locations at our (AMP-1) Mystic View Apartments Development. Upon proper removal and disposal of existing concrete panels the contractor will properly prepare sub surface, form and pour 1,950 square feet of new concrete sidewalk panels per plans and specifications.

The work is estimated to cost \$30,000.00

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

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bid Documents can also be obtained electronically by contacting Gabriel Ciccariello @ gabec@sha-web.org

A prebid meeting will be held The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on **Thursday May 25, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions or request for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Gabriel Ciccariello at (617) 625-1152 Ext 330 or Email at Gabec@sha-web.org

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

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The Somerville Licensing Commission is accepting applications under Chapter 142, Acts of 2016, for All Forms 7 Day Restaurant Licenses in the Assembly Square District, All Forms 7 Day Restaurant Licenses and a Wine and Malt Restaurant License in the Transformative Areas, All Forms 7 Day Restaurant Licenses and a Wine and Malt Restaurant License in the Enhancement Areas, and All Forms 7 Day Restaurant Licenses and a Wine and Malt Restaurant Licenses and a Wine and Malt Restaurant License citywide.

Interested Parties may obtain applications online at somervillema.gov or at the City Clerk's Office, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. ABCC applications must be filed online at www.mass.gov/abcc/.

The deadline for the submission of complete applications is 4 weeks prior to the Licensing Commission meeting. Both the Somerville Licensing Commission application and the ABCC application must be submitted. CITY AND ABCC APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE OR THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please contact the Somerville Licensing Commission for further information.

For the Commission Andrew Upton John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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McWatters

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alderman for the vacant seat in Ward 4, Omar Boukili, was also in attendance.

The mayor of Revere, his Honor Brian M. Arrigo, was present to wish McWatters the best in his re-election bid. Bob's good friend and supporter, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, also came to wish him the best. Ryan grew up in Ward 3 and still has many friends there

McWatters' many co-workers at the courthouse in Cambridge were also there to show support, including the best criminal Attorney around, Damian Gilletti, former President of the Middlesex Bar Association.





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Launching of Milk Row Cemetery public openings

Visit inside Somerville's oldest cemetery, dating back to 1804, and usually closed to the public. Explore this rare and endangered gem, where British soldiers and Revolutionary cirizons are busing

Barbara Mangum, an Object Conservator and President of Historic Somerville, will give a talk from 6:30-7:30pm to share her excitement about the Cemetery's history and the significance of the restored Civil War Monument, the first in the nation to be erected by civilians. Brandon Wilson will highlight the City's upcoming work to enhance this fragile site with the benefit of two recent grants, as well as the Docent Program that will open the grounds periodically during the seasonal months.

Light refreshments! Donations to further enhance the Cemetery always welcome!

Meet at the Cemetery on Somerville Avenue, next to Market Basket, at the edge of Union Square. Thursday, May 18, 2017 – 6:00pm

For more information, please contact either Historic Preservation Commission Executive Director Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 ext. 2532 or bwilson@somervillema.gov or Barbara Magnum at 617-625-5809 or info@historicsomerville.org.



The new Somerville High School CONT. FROM PG 10

than interest, channeling teachers by subject rather than inspiring collaboration by applying those subjects, and enforcing a calendar invented for farmers from an agricultural age in what was then an industrial economy.

Even in this post-industrial economy, some of those features will change very slowly. Yet some features could change dramatically, like new technologies at our incubators, or self-driving cars on our city streets.

Somerville is no stranger to educational innovation. For decades, it has been home to YouthBuild USA, Jobs for the Future, and a national Early College High Schools network. And Powerhouse Studios will substantially increase the depth of college and workforce partnerships.

Once the Studios start, parts of it – like FabLab already has – can adapt to the existing building, schedule and set of parent, teacher, and student expectations. The magic of that new building, between Tufts and MIT, with plenty of tech and plenty of open space for creative teaching, could and should be a foundation for transforming the bridges between schools, higher education and the careers of tomorrow.

And with a laboratory like Powderhouse to test and demonstrate innovations in a safe workspace with transparent participation by colleges and new kinds of incubators, the new Somerville High School could set a new standard for what all High Schools should become.

Nearly a century ago, Upton Sinclair described colleges as "The Goose Step," wherein students are drilled until they kick high and follow the leader – "not a public service, but an instrument of special privilege."

A year later, in 1924 his critique of secondary education in

The Goslings was even more strident, quoting the then Superintendent of New York schools: "I do not know any school system in the United States which is run for the benefit of the children. They are all run for the benefit of the gang."

Building a new school and exploring new foundations for a new century, Somerville can benefit a whole community rather than the gang that Sinclair warned against.

'Children of the World | Boston' Exhibit at Somerville City Hall

By Charles Lane

Please join Mayor Joe Curtatone, the Somerville Arts Council, The Welcome Project, and Somerville Photographer Randi Freundlich for an exhibit of her ongoing series Children of the World.

Twenty-eight color photographs are on exhibit at Somerville City Hall, at 93 Highland Avenue in Somerville, through June 2017.

Randi Freundlich has been making portraits of children from immigrant families since 2010. Children of the World is a story about children of immigrant families, each from a different country, who live in the Boston area.

To date, 55 different countries (and families) are part of the series, including El Salvador, Tibet, Haiti, Sudan and Israel. According to Susan Merritt, former Art Consultant at the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, "Children of the World is an extraordinary body of work.

Randi Freundlich's exhibit allows visitors an up close and personal look at children who share a collective story bestowed upon them by parents, who were not born in America. [It's] a story of hope, sacrifice and love that is revealed in the expressions of their children".

The photographs reveal a deep-

ly moving tableau everyone can identify with, as kids are just being kids – a window of hope into the future of our city. In Freundlich's words: "I met immigrant families every day as a social worker. I learned about their experiences living in the U.S. I am moved by the joys and struggles of the families who are navigating life in a new country on top of the complex challenges that all parents face. Their stories were poignant, even funny at times. The stories are included in the series. I ask the families to talk about their identities as immigrants. 'How do you hold on to the culture of your home country, the language and customs? What does it mean to be American?' One 4 year-old girl replied, 'I'm Mexican AND Bostonian!' A 12 year-old boy said, 'I was born in America, but my parents are from the Caribbean ... 'American' is just a label ... my blood is from Dominica."

Through a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, Randi worked with The Welcome Project, an organization providing education and advocacy with Somerville's immigrant community. Randi taught photography to youth attending the



Randi Freundlich's Children of the World exhibit is on display at Somerville City Hall through June 2017.

youth program. They explored their identities and cultures and made photographs to share with the community. Their photos are included in this exhibit.

Randi Freundlich is a photographer and social worker. She received her BFA in Photography from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and her Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston University. The series has been exhibited in and around Boston. A resident of Somerville, she is fortunate to combine her two passions through the Children of the World project!

SeniorPet Seeking Donations for Sydney the Cat

The SeniorPet Program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is soliciting donations to help underwrite critically needed care for a local pet. Sydney is an 8-year-old female calico with Stomitius (a bad dental disease). She had been doing well on medication, but recently had a flare-up that left her mouth inflamed and has been put on pain medication. Without surgery she'll soon lose the ability to eat and will need to be put down. Sydney's owner is a local older adult, who loves her cat very much but is living on a fixed income. To help, SeniorPet is trying to raise \$2,500 to cover the cost of surgery and medication. SeniorPet helps clients defray the burdens of pet ownership by providing food, supplies and affordable medical care. The program runs on both donations and volunteerism, by enlisting community support to arrange for basic pet services and taking up collections to cover more expensive medical needs. Donations can be mailed to SCES/SeniorPet Program, 61 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02143. For more information about SeniorPet or to donate, call 617-628-2601 ext. 3051 or email mmazzeo@eldercare.org.



City welcomes new police officer



City Clerk John Long swore Ashley McLain into the Somerville Police Department at last week's Board of Aldermen meeting. McLain grew up in Somerville and had aspired to be a police officer her entire life. She also served in the U.S. National Guard from 2009 to 2010.

— by Jordan Deschenes

Ms. Cam's From on page 14 Answers

- 1. Twinkies
- 2. "Let's get ready to rumble!"
- 3. Eddie Matthews
- 4. Tom Brady
- 5. Death Valley, California 134 degrees on July 10, 1913
- 6. Unit of time equal to 14 days

- 7. Social Security number
- 8. 2(2x2+4, 2+2=4)
- 9. Properties are named after locations in (or near) Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 10. Marvin Gardens, should have been spelled Marven Gardens
- 11. Maui
- 12. How to Keep Young Mentally

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | May 17

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

Thursday | May 18

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Central Library

Teen Advisory Board: Mind Your Health!

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday | May 19

Central Library

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

Central Library

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting3 p.m. -5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday May 22

Central Library Sing Along

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

West Branch Library **Book Club for Kids**

7 p.m.-7:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday | May 23

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library**

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

Wednesday | May 24

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

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

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The Obsessed Karma to Burn, Lo-Pan, Gozu 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.- 7 p.m.|Performance Hall AniMAtic Boston

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Crooked Coast, The Quins 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Big Sway LP Release Party|8 p.m. Jetty|8:30 p.m. The Big Sway|10 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Castle of Comedy

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | May 19

Sally O'Brien's

Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. Busted Jug Band 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Surfrider Foundation: Art for the

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6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | May 20

Sally O'Brien's One Thin Dime |6 p.m.

Rum Bar Records presents Tom Baker & The Snakes Lookout Tower vinyl release. The Connection, The Modifiers, Black Cheers \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. A(ERO) cappella festival!|5 p.m

Dj Slyms|8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory WWR & Beyond Wrestling

1:30 p.m.| Performance Hall Utsav Lal & Çeni Duo: Hindustani & Ottoman Music Explorations 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday| May 21

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8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Jammin' with the Elderberries 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday | May 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-Marley Monday with The Duppy

Conquerors reggae 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.

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

P.A.'s Lounge Cloud 4

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

Tuesday | May 23

Sally O'Brien's Bar SYM-Jam musicians welcome! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m.

The Burren

Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 PA's Lounge Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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 Samba Bar & Grille

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

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

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

Metal Yoga with Black Widow Yoga 6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

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

Pub Sing at The Armory

8 p.m. – 11 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Wednesday | May 24

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

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

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

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Metal Siege

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Union Square Somerville Playlist presents 6 p.m.

Bolivia Canta |8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club 2 p.m.- 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday | May 17

Highland Ave

Central Library Oral History Workshop 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Researching Your House and Family

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

Thursday | May 18 **Central Library**

FREE Yoga at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **West Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

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

40 College Ave **East Branch Library**

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

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

Saturday | May 20 **Central Library**

2 p.m. -3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Around Hear

Union Square Farmer's Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza **Bagel Bards**

weekly to discuss their work

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain 18-48 Holland St

Sunday | May 21

Central Library

Family Groups

Constellations Poetry Reading 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement Monday May 22

East Branch Library

115 Broadway

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Central Library Action Together Camberville 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1)6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

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

Tuesday | May 23 **Central Library** Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday | May 24

Central Library Somerville Volunteers for the ACLU

11 a.m.-12:30 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.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors – VERY LIMITED AMOUNT AVAILABLE – The SCOA, The Health & Human Services Department in partnering with the SFD has a limited amount of free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors available to qualifying older adults. If you are 60 years of age or older, Somerville resident or a Somerville resident with a disability please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to request a brief application.

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

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

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

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

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

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

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

Reminiscing Group – starting Friday, May 26 and running for 5 months on the fourth Friday, June 23, July 28, August 25 and September 22. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join the Reminiscing Group as we go back in time. To RSVP and join the fun please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

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

Singer/Guitarist Doug Schmolze – Wednesday, June 28 – 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center – Join us for "Songs of WW1" – Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Castle Island – Friday, July 14 - \$5 transportation fee. Check in 8:30 a.m. Holland and 8:45 a.m. Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 1:00 p.m. To reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Twin River Casino – Monday, July 24 - \$20 includes transportation and a yet to be determined package. Check in 9:30 a.m. at Holland and 9:45 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foxwoods Casino – Wednesday, August 30 - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 bonus slot and \$10 buffet. Check in 7:00 a.m. at Holland and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 8:00 p.m. To reserve your spot or for additional information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

The day trip to Waist Watchers scheduled for Wednesday, May 31st is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Bye Bye Birdie scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to see the Tall Ships scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip, Gloucester Harbor Cruise scheduled for Thursday, July 27th is SOLD OUT.

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have

available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

LGBTQ Annual Dinner/Dance – Friday, June 2 in honor of Pride Month from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located at 30 Washington Street. \$15 per person includes dinner, dessert, DJ and dancing. RSVP is a must for this event. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

2017 Event Dates

June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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9:00am	Congressional Update	9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	Sunday,	May 21	7:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
9:30am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:00pm	Porchfest 2017	12:00am	Congressional Update	7:30pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 5.15.17	1:00pm	Congressional Update	12:30am	Jane's Walk	8:00pm	Porchfest 2017
2:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1:30pm	Jane's Walk	9:00am	Jane's Walk	9:00pm	FY18 Sewer & Water Rates Hearing
3:00pm	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	6:30pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	Tuesday,	May 23
6:30pm	Congressional Update	7:00pm	Week of the Young Child	12:33pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	12:00am	Life Resurrected
7:00pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	7:35pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	1:03pm	BOA Land Use Committee Meeting	1:00am	Women's History Month Celebration
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10:00am	Spring String Fling
11:00am	Raising Caring Children in Somerville
12:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Innovation
1:00pm	World Language Awards Night
2:00pm	SHS Volleyball v Greater Lowell Tech
4:00pm	All-City Middle School Spring Concert
5:00pm	Spring String Fling
6:00pm	Raising Caring Children in Somerville
7:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Innovation
8:00pm	World Language Awards Night
9:00pm	SHS Volleyball v Greater Lowell Tech
11:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17
Thursday,	, May 18
12:00am	All-City Middle School Spring Concert
12:45am	SHS Baseball v Saugus
2:30am	Raising Caring Children in Somerville
9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Innovation
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Scott Ruescher's book of poems, Waiting for the Light to Change, has just been published by Prolific Press. It is available at https://prolificpress.com/bookstore/.



To a Cajun Farmer of Alligators on the Run from his Wife

To a Cajun farmer of alligators on the run from his wife Dancing to the rhythms of "Let Me Be Your Teddy Bear" With a teenaged runaway in a room you rent by the hour, To a madman from Muscatine in a sequined black jumpsuit And a far too obvious toupee, all sunglasses and love handles, Interrupting the lead act and storming the stage At a meticulously inauthentic blues bar on Beale Street To shake, rattle, and roll for us and rock around the clock With hankies in his underpants to make his balls look big, Or to an Episcopal priest from an all-male church in San Francisco Exploring his Dionysian side on a solo vacation, Dressed as a fabulous Elvis in blue suede high heels On drag night at a gay bar in that restored Victorian Historic district on the northern edge of Midtown— And to anyone who's ever attempted that swivel of the pelvis Or visited the Graceland mansion on the edge of Memphis As I did one Monday in the 90s, only to find it closed— Elvis is the same icon of sexual individualism As he was to some insurance man from Wichita, Kansas, In Memphis for a convention that week, boogying His heart out on the dance floor of the Holiday Inn bar Like he had at a sock-hop in the 50s with his girlfriend To Elvis's first recordings, "Mystery Train," Jailhouse Rock," "Blue Suede Shoes," "That's All Right," only this time contorting His face into that sexy pout, his posture into that pretzel twist, Going wild at last, at age 67, with rhythm and abandon With a woman from Tulsa, Duluth, or Dayton Who'd taken the whole week off from her job at the post office For fear of missing out on the daylong visit to Graceland That she so much enjoyed the day before yesterday, Between the shower, the dinner, the ceremony, the reception, And the all-night after-party at the wedding of the son Of a friend she graduated from high school with, in 1957.

— Scott Ruescher

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OFF THE SHELF

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'Before We Were Birds'

By Susan Richmond

Somerville Bagel Bard Lawrence Kessenich reviews a new book of poetry...

Before We Were Birds Susan Richmond (Adastra Press, 2017)

A sentence from the blurb by Fred Marchant on the back of *Before We Were Birds* is a good jumping off point for this review: "Richmond's poems ... continually ask us to imagine the natural world as rife with spirits, ones that for a moment in the ongoing metamorphoses have taken on the form of dolphin or snowy owl ... or a fox that stops and stares right back." Nature, spirits, and metamorphoses are the common threads that run through this collection—and there's a quality of nature staring right back at us that lends it power as well.

If you're the sort of person who takes nature for granted, or only sees it in scientific terms, Richmond is not a poet for you. For her, as for the ancients, nature is teaming with stories and spiritual energy that we can tap into for our entertainment and edification. For her, human beings are not detached from nature, but inextricably bound up with it. Take, for example, these lines from *Fox Run*:

...But once he acknowledges me with deep fox eyes, quivering black mustache of mouth. I was out

on the porch and froze, not breathing. For a moment, I was fox, too, worthy to run with him...

Or these lines, from River Crossings:

When I tried to push you from the boat, a fish leapt from the river, lodged in my arms...

let me draw the night heron down from its alder perch, to settle beside me on the bank.

Some of the story poems in this book are of people whose identification with nature goes much deeper than this, who become involved with mythological creatures of the natural world. The first section of the collection, *Boto*, is about a storied Brazilian creature who rises out of the water in the shape of a dolphin:

The smooth lines of his body were words first and she swallowed them whole; his, a story of many years waiting to surface, she, a part of it, never knowing.

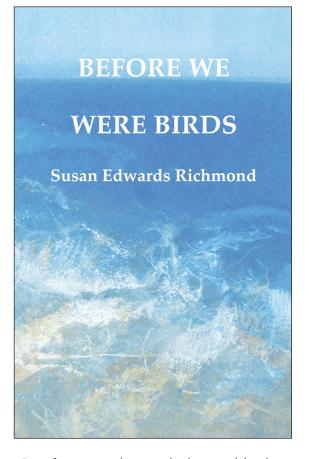
In Arrival, the boto...

...comes from underwater

a man, dressed in white. The moon hovers and tilts, a bowl half empty, half full. He is searching for other music and finds her, open, eager for his secrets...

...he takes her

down by the river, changes the chemistry of her body, leaves her a kiss.



It is fascinating the way the boto and his lover move back and forth between the world of human life and the world of river creatures. As Richmond presents it, the border between the two worlds is easily crossed.

There is also plenty of straightforward observation of the wonders of nature – plants, animals, trees, mountains – in *Before We Were Birds*. This poet who can imagine becoming one with the natural world has, as one would expect, a keen eye for the natural beauty and bounty she observes every day. In *Wild Fruit* it's berries:

I can't tell if I'm too early or too late, gathering a scant sweet handful, eyeing the ratio of hard green globes to blue.

In the high ground, rising above Pratt's Brook, the town burned this circle in the fall to force a bigger crop,

ripening when flies are most intense, and heat condenses on the upper lip like dew.

In Three for the Western Island it's mountains:

How can we see so far from such a modest height? It's all position, the way the peak peers over the promontory, giddy distance, water at our feet, the way the high, soft clouds receive the light.

In Richmond's hands, it's hard to tell which is more marvelous, stories of humans dramatically entwined with nature or simple, astute observations of the natural world we encounter every day. In any case, both spoke deeply to me, both left me in wonder about the depth of connection – too often overlooked in our predominantly urban culture – between human life and the rest of life on the planet we inhabit. *Before We Were Birds* will open your eyes to that connection.



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