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City evaluates economic issues related to zoning overhaul



The Board of Alderman received the report of the Land Use Committee's discussions and findings regarding the new zoning overhaul for the City of Somerville.

By Jim Clark

The Land Use Committee made its presentation to the Somerville Board of Aldermen at their regular meeting last Thursday, reporting on its discussions concerning the impact of the new zoning overhaul in relation to jobs and the overall economic impact on the city.

Committee Chair, Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis, provided a rundown of discussions that took place at the Committee's meeting on May 10 of this year.

Director of Planning George Proakis discussed the 30,000 jobs goal and also the difference, from a tax revenue perspective, of lab jobs vs. office jobs, i.e., labs are assessed a personal property taxed on their equipment. Somer Vision statistics, jobs and floor space per job, grades and uses of office space were also discussed. Continued on page 4

Discover new and live music at PorchFest

By Kelly Anderson

If you are looking for free live music this weekend, you may not have to look further than your neighbor's front porch.

Somerville's annual PorchFest is returning on Saturday, May 21. Musicians and bands will perform all afternoon on porches, stoops and in yards for passersby to stop and enjoy. The porch is a classic American venue for neighbors to strum a guitar, and PorchFest aims to multiply that experience by the dozen.

Attendees at PorchFest can expect to see a wide variety of musicians and bands playing genres that range from blues, Balkan, gospel, space rock, Bollywood funk, claw hammer banjo, indie rock, and Moroccan

From noon to 2:00 p.m. the acts will perform from East to Central Somerville. The performances will move to the Central to Willow quadrant of the city from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. acts can be found on porches west of Willow.

The event will be the sixth annual since 2011, when PorchFest was



Continued on page 9 PorchFest 2016 is coming to a stoop or balcony near you this coming weekend.

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On Thursday, May 19, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian T. Ryan, who is originally from Somerville, is having a fundraiser starting at 5:30 over at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Her campaign coordinator here in the city Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters has let us know he is looking for a good showing from Somerville. Marian Ryan is doing a great job as District Attorney working hard here in both Somerville as well as Middlesex County. We supported her in her very first election bid for the seat back couple of years ago and see that she has done a great job representing Middlesex County.

It seems that our own Mayor Joe Curtatone had another quiet fundraiser this past week, thrown by none other than Local car magnate and property owner Herb Chambers. You know, the guy who advertises his Mercedes dealership saying it's Boston not Somerville. The private, by invitation only, fundraiser was help on his super-yacht "Excellence V." We heard that a small but generous group of donors were present, and someone close mentioned that a nice bundle was collected for the mayor's war chest.

Could it be true? We heard that one family in particular that has many members working for the city is about to have another member of that same family hired? We heard from sources that this might be number ten for the family members. They are busy down at personnel, aren't they? Another family has three members working for the city and we hear that they are trying hard to get family member number four working there. We suggest he gets involved in the hockey rink!

****** Now that George Landers - a nice guy and very popular here in the city - has retired and we hear former Ward 2 Alderman Kenny Joyce is getting his job. We're wondering if a countrywide search was done or was it a citywide search? Also rumored to retire - and a lot of elderly will be both excited and sad to hear it – is **Cindy Hickey** over at the Council On Aging. We hear that former School Committee member and Ward 1 Alderman Maureen Bastardi is getting her job.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: GLX extortion is an opportunity to win state approval of a transfer fee

CAP says:

The proposed transfer tax was, and always was, earmarked for affordable housing. The Mayor said this repeatedly, the BOA said it repeatedly, and the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group addressed this issue on that basis from the beginning.

To suddenly suggest that any revenue from the transfer tax be robbed to now cover for GLX shortfalls is outrageous.

Especially since we haven't heard of one penny being kicked in by beneficiaries like Magellen/US2 (a billion dollar multi-national corporation), Greentown Labs, and other private companies that will reap millions in profits if the Green Line into Union Square is realized soon enough.

To steal the transfer tax benefits that were promised to our most vulnerable and threatened residents to stuff into someone elses pockets would be one of the most disgusting cases of public betrayal and corporate welfare in the history of the commonwealth.

Frankly says:

A transfer fee is just passing down the extortion from the state, to the city, to the people. Maybe some can afford it, but most hard working people who may have to move for any number of reasons cannot. A transfer fee will not affect investors, they will continue to buy multi families as investment properties and pass on the cost in increased rents. For young families choosing whether to buy and settle in Somerville or not a transfer fee would be a huge discouragement. Anyone buying at todays prices is not counting on the huge appreciation Bill has probably enjoyed, and facing paying a \$10,000-\$20,000 tax if they have to move because of a job change, sick family member, or any other cause would cause anyone to think twice about settling down in Somerville.

TheoNa says:

Plain and simple, this is just another tax against the middle class and families that want to move into home ownership. If the intent is to go after "speculative profits" there should be a sliding down rate based upon years of ownership.

A Moore says:

No TheoNa, it is for the screwed up way they are working out the GLX problem. As CAP said the tax was being set up for another purpose. This whole business has been handled wrong from the start and getting worse. They keep increasing their chances on losing this.

steve says:

i wont be alive to ride this damn train!

Somerville Swift says:

What do state and local governments do when faced with budget shortfalls from ill-conceived and/or mismanaged projects? Sell naming rights! Just a few ideas off the top-of-my-head:

- Waste Management International's Trash-Fire On Rails
- Disney's Mister Toad's Slow, Unexplained-Delay-Filled Ride
- PBS's Thomas & Friends Train of Confusion and Delay (featuring Sir Topham Hatt's shady brother-in-law Buddy)
- Wynn Resort's Express to Personal Destitution
- AMC Network's The Walking Dead GLXocalypse.

Feel free to add your own. Remember, there are no bad ideas just badly managed infrastructure

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ResiStat time again in Ward 7

By Amy Swain

Last Wednesday, May 11, residents and officials of Ward 7 gathered at the West Somerville Neighborhood School for the semi-annual ResiStat meeting.

The meeting opened with Chief David Fallon of the Somerville Police Department reviewing recent crime statistics. Most common crimes were down, including theft from motor vehicles, which dropped from 34 to only 9 this year. Death from opioid overdose was also down from last year, but unfortunately overdoses themselves continue to rise.

In discussing traffic safety, Chief Fallon revealed that both bike and pedestrian involved crashes were down. Several traffic issues were addressed by the audience. The Alewife Parkway was described as "a mess." Fallon revealed that there were jurisdiction issues with the state police that have recently been resolved; it is Somerville territory. The topic of electronic license plate readers came up too - "why don't the police use them anymore?" It turns out that the department switched cars and they simply have not installed them in the new ones yet.

Ward 7 Alderman Katjana



Mayor Curtatone updated Ward 7 residents on the current efforts to keep the Green Line Extension project on track.

Ballantyne discussed some neighborhood project updates. Regarding Powder House, she maintains hope that we will see some development this fall. Teele Square "Pit" has no current available timeline, but it is under new ownership, and the first floor retail/upper floors residential plan will most likely be maintained when development begins.

... the setbacks have been due to resistance from the state, not the city.

A major focus regarding community development was Somerville High School. In 2010, the school's accreditation came with the suggestion that the school be updated. This includes more than additional space and a coat of paint. Plans and proposals are available at somervillema.gov/ highschool. The city strongly encourages residents to check it out and get involved.

The largest discussion topic of the night was, of course, the Green Line Extension project. As is well known, there have been recent setbacks in produc-



Somerville Police Chief David Fallon reported on the state of crime prevention and other matters concerning the safety and welfare of Ward 7 residents at last week's ResiStat meeting. – Photos by Amy Swain

tion. Mayor Curtatone was fired up on the topic. He revealed that the setbacks have been due to resistance from the state, not the city. After all the money, stress, and health risks the construction has put our city through, the mayor says, "They owe this to us." According to the mayor, we have a right to a large grant from the FTA. The city is trying

its hardest to access that money before the next election. On this subject as well, the city urges residents to speak up: call or write the governor, attend Board of Alderman meetings, ask questions and offer your thoughts.

Keep up with current events and meetings by visiting the city's website, and stay tuned for the fall ResiStat meeting.

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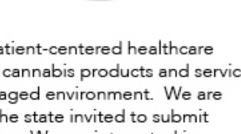
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By Jim Clark

Hit-and-run driver hits wrong car

While stopped at the red light in the municipal lot located in Magoun Square in his personal vehicle last Wednesday, an off-duty Somerville Police officer's vehicle was struck by a car as it pulled out of a parking spot against the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot.

The car reportedly struck the officer's vehicle on the driver's side rear tire and quarter panel.

As the officer exited his vehicle in an attempt to exchange infor-

mation with the other operator, the striking vehicle fled through the solid red light and headed east on Medford St., according to reports.

The officer entered his vehicle and began to follow the car. He reportedly contacted Somerville Control to request a marked unit to stop the fleeing vehicle.

The striking vehicle came to a stop at the intersection of Medford and Lowell Streets and the officer again exited his vehicle, and informed the operator that she struck his vehicle and that she needed to pull over and exchange information. The striking vehicle then fled through the solid red light at speeds in excess of 60 mph, according to reports.

The officer continued to follow the vehicle as it reportedly failed to stop for the red light at Central St. and Medford, and proceeded south on Central St.

The officer stated the vehicle

kept up its excessive speed, failing to stop for the solid red light at Highland Ave. and Central St., continuing south on Central St. The vehicle failed to stop again for a solid red light at Summer St. and Central St., where Somerville Police marked units were able to intercept and get the vehicle stopped.

The operator of the striking car, identified as Richa Pant, of Watertown, reportedly stated she was unaware that she was in-

volved in any accident, and was not trying to evade anyone. Her vehicle sustained moderate front end damage, with white paint transfer. She presented a Massachusetts Identification card, and admitted to not having a valid driver's license.

Pant was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Wilfredo Cruz, of 38 Thornton St., Roxbury, May 9, 3:52 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of resisting arrest, larceny under \$250, and receiving stolen property over \$250.

James Jackson, of 46 S. Bow St., Milford, May 9, 3:52 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of larceny under \$250 and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Richa Pant, of 23 Irma Ave., Watertown, May 11, 9:55 p.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Elissa Haley, of 26 Merriam, May 13, 2:42 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Tanya Stephens, May 14, 1:55 p.m., arrested at North St. on warrant charges of failure

to appear upon recognizance, shoplifting by asportation, larceny over \$250, use of a motor vehicle without authority, leaving the scene of property damage, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and conspiracy.

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City evaluates economic issues related to zoning overhaul

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Alderman McWatters inquired about the number of hotels planned and expressed concern about building heights in the development of Union Square.

Mr. Proakis stated that Washington Street (in Union Square) is slated to be in a four story district.

Alderman Heuston spoke about the possibility of pursuing taxes from Air B&B renters. Mr. Proakis stated that Air B&B is addressed in the zoning overhaul and there needs to structure a system for units being rented vs. rooms being rented. The key areas of opportunity are Assembly Square and the Inner Belt. Alderman Heuston also discussed current day family housing vs. family housing of years ago. Units are designed differently, with some people having a shared outdoor and play space.

Alderman Ballantyne spoke about people wanting to live in an urban setting.

Alderman Connolly discussed people using home offices. Alderman White spoke about families wanting 3 bedroom apartments and he also said that maintaining the school age balance is important.

Chairman Davis relayed his intention to discuss this aspect at future committee meetings during discussions regarding residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Proakis wants to create 5 jobs per housing unit and a 60/40 commercial/residential split. He also wants large scale development issues to stick with the proposed numbers. RCLCO, a company that specializes in urban communities, looked at parcels in the city and their potential.

There are 221 development sites, consisting of about 11,439 square feet. The zoning proposal was discussed, including special permits, mixed use districts, special districts, neighborhood retail vs. formula retail, Brickbottom development, Boynton

Yards, types of buildings and the 6,000 vs, 9,000 number of units. Infrastructure improvements are needed in certain areas and Davis Square is in need of office development.

Mr. Proakis stated that the Assembly Square district would not be changed intentionally.

Alderman White spoke of the importance of shadow studies in districts with "as of right" solutions and he stressed the need for commercial development, noting that new residents put a strain on the taxpayers. He prefers holding off on residential development until commercial development happens.

Mr. Proakis explained that some residential development may be necessary in order to attract commercial development.

Alderman Heuston added that there needs to be an incentive for developers, especially for commercial development.

Alderman Niedergang asked for data on the impact of res-



Chair Lance Davis briefed the Board on the Land Use Committee's discussions at its May 10 meeting.

idential vs. commercial development. The owner of Grand Junction, in the Twin City Mall, is interested in doing a mixed use development.

Alderman White requested a map showing the Somerville/ Cambridge border. The cores of Davis and Union Squares could be tight little commercial districts.

Alderman Niedergang sug-

gested having penthouse residential units on the top floors. Alderman White discussed the residential exemption numbers that are dropping and said that there is a \$350 - 400 increase in taxes, now. He spoke about the loss of 2-3 bedroom housing and the decrease in rental units.

The Committee report was accepted and approved by the Board as a whole.

Legislators vote on transgender bill

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 33-4, approved and sent to the House the bill that would expand current law prohibiting discrimination against transgender people by adding "gender identity" to existing Massachusetts civil rights laws that already prohibit discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion and marital status. Public accommodations is defined as "a place, whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public." This includes hotels, restaurants, retail stores, malls, theaters, parks, medical offices, libraries and public transportation. Debate centered around the fact that proposal would also allow access to legally gender-segregated public facilities, including restrooms and locker rooms, based on a person's gender identity rather than on their sex.

In 2011, the Legislature approved and former Gov. Deval Patrick signed a law that added "gender identity" to the state's non-discrimination laws, to prohibit discrimination in employment, education, housing and credit against transgender persons. That law, however, does not prohibit discrimination in public accommodations.

Supporters said transgender individuals still face the threat of discrimination in many public accommodations. They argued

that under current Massachusetts law, there is no protection ensuring that transgender people cannot be turned away from a restroom, locker room, hotel, restaurant, retail stores and many other places simply because they are transgendered. They said it is time to have Massachusetts join the other 17 states that offer these protections.

Opponents said the privacy rights of children matter and asked how youngsters might react to a transgender classmate using the same bathroom. They argued that bathroom and locker room use should be based on the gender on one's birth certificate, not on an inner sense of feeling or expression. They said that predators could use this law as cover to excuse their presence in women-only spaces.

Here is how the state's 38 senators voted on the bill: Barrett YES; Brady YES; Brownsberger YES; Chandler YES; Chang-Diaz YES; Creem YES; deMacedo NO; DiDomenico YES; Donnelly YES; Donoghue YES; Downing YES; Eldridge YES; Fattman NO; Flanagan YES; Forry YES; Gobi YES; Humason NO; Jehlen YES; Joyce YES; Keenan YES; Lesser YES; Lewis YES; L'Italien YES; Lovely YES; Mc-Gee YES; Montigny YES; Moore YES; O'Connor Ives YES; Pacheco DIDN'T VOTE; Rodrigues YES; Rosenberg YES; Ross YES; Rush YES; Spilka YES; Tarr NO; Timilty YES; Welch YES; and Wolf YES.

Beacon Street reconstruction groundbreaking ceremony

By Charles Lane

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, and the Massachusett s Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conducted the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Beacon St. Reconstruction Project Monday morning.

Attendees gathered at the Durell Community Garden for a short speaking program followed by a photo opportunity to officially kick off the expected two-year project.

Newport Construction, which was selected through a competitive bid process administered by MassDOT, will be responsible for the project which stretches from Oxford St./Somerville Ave. south to the Cambridge city line near Inman Square.

Beginning on Monday, and lasting for approximately two weeks, contractors will undertake what is considered to be the "most disruptive" portion of the entire project, requiring the closure of Beacon St. to eastbound traffic between Beacon St. and Oxford St., between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and approximately 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

During these hours, eastbound traffic will be detoured on Somerville Ave. to Park St. Vehicles and cyclists will be able to access Oxford St. by traveling westbound on Beacon St., and all westbound traffic on Beacon St. will be maintained.

Cyclists will be also be detoured up Park Street to pick up the dedicated bike lanes on Beacon Street. The city will also be posting secondary detour routes for bicyclists traveling towards Porter and Inman Square.



The Beacon St. Reconstruction Project officially kicked off on Monday.

— Photo by Bobbie Toner

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1 orange, (supremed)*see below

8 basil leaves, (chiffonade - thinly sliced)

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar (an aged vinegar has a more concentrated flavor)

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Pinch of finishing salt, like Gray Salt, (or any course granular sea salt)

On a plate of your choice, arrange the Burrata on the plate, add the tomatoes, orange segments, basil, bal-



samic vinegar, olive oil, then finish http://www.thejoykitchen.com/ with salt. To supreme the orange, for full instructions please go to:

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Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	10	\$359,900	\$456,000				
2 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Loft	12	\$389,000	\$435,000				
4 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$419,000	\$460,000				
5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Rowhouse	23	\$439,000	\$478,000				
5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$449,000	\$476,000				
5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$460,000	\$511,000				
4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$469,000	\$550,000				
5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$489,900	\$545,000				
5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$498,000	\$538,500				
6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	18	\$499,900	\$526,000				
7 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	32	\$499,900	\$520,789				
7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	133	\$514,800	\$515,000				
5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$525,000	\$542,500				
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Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:									
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price					
7 Roberts St	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	13	\$649,900	\$630,000					
199 PEARL St	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	364	\$699,900	\$575,000					
65 Alpine St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	109	\$799,000	\$855,000					
38 Oliver St	4 unit, 15 total room, 7 total bedroom 4 Family	117	\$899,900	\$860,000					
17 Sycamore Ter	4 unit, 20 total room, 8 total bedroom 4 Family	174	\$989,900	\$950,000					
45 Lexington Avenue	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$999,999	\$1,090,000					
333 Alewife Brook Pkwy	3 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	29	\$1,000,000	\$1,033,000					
94 Grant St	3 unit, 16 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	11	\$1,000,000	\$1,020,000					
89 Josephine Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	111	\$1,025,000	\$940,000					
429 Medford St	3 unit, 18 total room, 12 total bedroom 3 Family	57	\$1,599,000	\$1,335,000					
19 Bow St	6 unit, 18 total room, 7 total bedroom 5-9 Family	1	\$1,700,000	\$2,200,000					

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SHS Scholarship Foundation Drawing

By Donald F. Norton

This past Friday night, May 13, at Somerville High School's Highlander Café, the annual \$10K drawing plus was held with about 50 dedicated members of the Foundation and their friends attending.

The nicely attended event was hosted by former Mayor Eugene Brune and President Joe Favaloro. Food was donated by the Highlander Café.

In the end, nine were holding the last tickets and instead of going through an elimination process they decided to split the pot with \$1,100 for every ticket holder.

Each year the Foundation raises money for scholarships to help the students from Somerville. Last fall they held their 25th Anniversary Gala, in which they announced that over the past 25 years they have raised over a million dollars and have helped hundreds of students with their college costs. Another great Somerville organization with dedicated members who work hard every year for the benefit of the city's youth.





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Peter Wolf Rocks the Somerville Theatre



Peter Wolf blew away the crowd at The Somerville Theatre last Thursday night.

By Daniel Sullivan

When I heard that Peter Wolf, front man for the legendary J. Geils Band, would be performing at the Somerville Theatre on Thursday night, May 12, I got tickets right away.

Wolf just released his latest album, A Cure for Loneliness, which has received great reviews from a couple of other Boston papers.

Wolf, who just turned seventy, has formed a new and highly touted tour band, The Midnight Travelers. Any thoughts I might have had that Peter Wolf has

one hour and forty-five minute show. As they say in the biz, he crushed it.

Wolf began the show by mixing in some of his new songs with R&B standards. After his new bluesy and soulful ballad Some Other Time, Some Other Place drew warm and lasting applause, we heard those unmistakable first four chords of Lookin' For A Lover and the house party was on.

For the next hour the show became raucously and delightfully interactive as Wolf belted out old J. Geils hits including Give It To Me, I Musta Got slowed down even a little were Lost, and his own Lights Out. quickly dispelled. High-energy After two songs into his endoes not begin to describe the core, amid wild applause he

— Photo by Matt Stone

said, "I can't leave you now," and gave us two more.

I had more fun at this concert than I have had in a long time. If there is any doubt in anyone's mind, old Woober Goober has still got it.

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Ward 3 ResiStat Meeting Wednesday, May 18

Wednesday night is the Ward 3 ResiStat neighborhood meeting. You'll have a chance to learn more about what's going on in Somerville and your neighborhood, share your feedback, and chat with elected officials, city employees, and your neighbors.

The meeting will be held in the Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave., from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Stop by at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy some pizza, refreshments, and a social half hour.

For more information about ResiStat, or with any questions, contact ResiStat Coordinator, Meghann Ackerman, at MAckerman@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2120.

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Somerville:



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. Timothy Toomey

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 senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of May 9-13.

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS (H 4278)

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for House 154-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would help veterans by improving veterans' access to housing and education and protecting them from discrimination. Provisions include establishing the new Office of State Veterans' Homes and Housing; giving veterans preference in public housing; and making all children of prisoners of war eligible for the Public Service Scholarship. Currently, the scholarship is limited to children of the Vietnam War POWs. This legislation would extend eligibility to all children of POWs.

> Supporters said the state should provide these additional benefits and opportunities to the thousands of Bay State veterans who have served and are still serving our nation. They noted that one in three homeless people in the nation are veterans. They pointed out that one in five Massachusetts veterans suffer post-traumatic stress disorder and 11 percent suffer traumatic brain injuries.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey

EXEMPT VETERANS FROM AUTO EXCISE TAX (H 4278)

House 154-0, approved an amendment that would exempt all active-duty military members serving outside Massachusetts from paying the excise tax on automobiles. Current law allows but does not require cities and towns to exempt those active duty veterans.

Amendment supporters said it is unfair and unreasonable to charge an auto excise tax to soldiers defending the nation. They noted the tax bill is sent to the home of the deployed soldier and is often unopened and becomes delinquent until the soldier returns and is faced with penalties, late fees and others costs.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey

DONATE MONEY TO HELP LOCAL VETER-ANS (H 4278)

House 152-0, approved an amendment that would allow cities and towns to designate a checkoff box on local property tax bills or auto excise tax bills where taxpayers can voluntarily donate to help local veterans. The donation would be above what they taxpayer owes in taxes. The funds would be used to provide support for veterans and their dependents with food, transportation, heat and oil expenses.

Amendment supporters said this would help thousands of struggling veterans and their families. They noted 100 percent of the money would go to help veterans and all the money would be used only for local veterans who live in the city or town.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION **AGAINST** TRANSGENDER PEOPLE (S 735)

Senate 33-4, approved and sent to the House the bill

that would expand current law prohibiting discrimination against transgender people by adding "gender identity" to existing Massachusetts civil rights laws that already prohibit discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion and marital status. Public accommodations is defined as "a place, whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public." This includes hotels, restaurants, retail stores, malls, theaters, parks, medical offices, libraries and public transportation. The debate centered around the fact that proposal would also allow access to legally gender-segregated public facilities, including restrooms and locker rooms, based on a person's gender identity rather than on their sex.

In 2011, the Legislature approved and former Gov. Deval Patrick signed a law that added "gender identity" to the state's non-discrimination laws, to prohibit discrimination in employment, education, housing and credit against transgender persons. That law, however, does not prohibit discrimination in public accommodations.

Supporters said transgender individuals still face the threat of discrimination in many public accommodations. They argued that under current Massachusetts law, there is no protection ensuring that transgender people cannot be turned away from a restroom, locker room, hotel, restaurant, retail stores and many other places simply because they are transgender. They said it is time to have Massachusetts join the other 17 states that offer these protections.

Opponents said the privacy rights of children matter and asked how youngsters might react to a transgender classmate using the same bathroom. They argued that bathroom and locker room use should be based on the gender on one's birth certificate, not on an inner sense of feeling or expression. They said that male predators could use this law as cover to excuse their presence in women-only spaces.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

IMPROPER USE PENALTY (S 735)

Senate 11-26, rejected an amendment that would impose specific penalties on any person who improperly asserts gender identity to gain access to a sex-segregated facility like a bathroom.

Amendment supporters said the bill is lacking in this area and does not include specific penalties for this improper assertion.

Amendment opponents said current criminal laws already cover this offense under laws prohibiting trespassing, accosting a member of the opposite sex or public indecency.

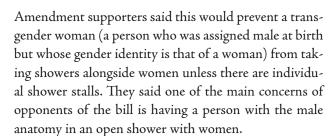
(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

MUST HAVE PARTITIONED SHOWERS (S 735)

Senate 6-31, rejected an amendment that would exempt from the transgender bill any gender-based locker rooms and showering facilities that do not provide for separation between the users.

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Amendment opponents said the amendment waters down the bill. They said transgender women are not trying to shower with women but are just trying to get through the day without being harassed or accosted.

(A "Yes" vote is for the exemption. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS ON DIS-CRIMINATION (S 2283)

Senate 36-0, approved a bill that would require that individuals who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, questioning or transgender be placed on any local or regional advisory boards created by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). Current law requires several groups to be represented on these boards including lending institutions, private employers, labor organizations, minority, racial and ethnic groups, women, welfare recipients, seniors and handicapped persons.

Supporters said it simply makes sense to add members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community to these anti-discrimination boards.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (S 1537)

Senate 36-0, approved a bill allowing local cities and towns to give a property tax exemption to volunteer, call or auxiliary firefighters or emergency medical technicians.

Supporters said these people work hard without pay and local communities should have the right to offer them property tax relief.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BABY SAFE HAVEN LAW (H 114) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow parents who want to surrender their baby seven days old or younger to arrange a meeting to give the baby to an emergency responder at any agreed upon location with-

out facing criminal prosecution. Current law allows parents to leave these babies at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room.

Supporters said the bill will save more lives and give additional young, scared mothers one more option to put their babies in safe hands. They noted that 25 babies have been surrendered in Massachusetts since the safe-haven law went into effect several years ago.

ENCOURAGE MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING (H 4211) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would create a new local option property tax exemption for a property owner who develops middle-income housing. If adopted by a city or town, this would exempt the property owner from up to 100 percent of the property tax for the first two years during construction. Following construction, a municipality would be allowed to exempt the taxpayer for three additional years at 75

CAP SALARY OF CHARITY EXECUTIVES (S

and 25 percent in the third year.

percent in the first year, 50 percent in the second year

875) - The Judiciary Committee has recommended that a proposal that would cap at \$500,000 the compensation of any executives working for a public charity that takes in \$1 million or more in annual gross revenue be sent to a study committee. Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated. The bill also prohibits any members of a public charity board of directors from being paid. It allows charities to seek a waiver on the compensation question "only if deemed in the public interest of the commonwealth."

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR LOCKED OUT WORKERS' BILL (S 2172) -

The Committee on Labor and Workforce Development has recommended that legislation that would extend unemployment benefits for 26 weeks to workers whose employers have locked them out of their workplace, be shipped off to a study committee. The proposal was filed in response to Allegheny Technologies' decision to lock its workers out of some of its nationwide facilities including a six-month lockout for 120 workers at its New Bedford plant.

Supporters say that without this law, employees are at a disadvantage because the company just drags on with the lockout, knowing that eventually the workers will run out of money and perhaps concede.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"There's something about water that brings people together and this is just an effort to bring back that notion that water is a public good." — Rep. Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston) at the official opening of a public water station in the Statehouse at which people can fill their own water bottle or cup with water.

"Today the Senate stood up for the transgender people in our state who have suffered discrimination and harassment for far too long without these critical legal protections in place." — Attorney General Maura Healey on passage of the bill prohibiting discrimination against transgender people.

"The Bathroom Bill will force women to undress or shower in the presence of men. This violates a fundamental right to personal privacy." — Andrew Beckwith, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute on the same bill.

"There is no question that Massachusetts is number one in terms of providing services to our veterans. Although we do so much for our veterans, it is important that we continue to improve the lives of those who have so gallantly served their country." — Rep. Jerry Parisella (D-Beverly), Chair of the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs on House passage of a bill providing benefits to veterans.

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 9-13, the House met for a total of four hours and 51 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 47 minutes.

House 11:03 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

No House session

No Senate session

Mon. May 9

Fri. May 13

Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

No House session
No Senate session
Wed. May 11
House 11:00 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.
No Senate session

Thurs. May 12
House 11:06 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Senate 11:07 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

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Discover new and live music at PorchFest CONT. FROM PG 1

established through the auspices of the Somerville Arts Council. The Arts Council sought to create a decentralized music festival that all parts of the city can enjoy for free. Unlike a typical music festival, the musicians and the listeners will move across the city. Up to 100 musical acts can be expected at this year's PorchFest, and music fans should not be disappointed if they cannot catch every act. There are just too many of them.

The first PorchFest began in Ithaca, New York in 2007, and in years since the festivals have been popping up across the country. There are other PorchFests in the Greater Boston area, so

one should not despair if they cannot make it to Somerville's event. Brookline will hold a Porch-Fest on June 4, and Jamaica Plain will host the festival on July 9.

PorchFest is a great way to bring together a community through local music, so Somerville residents should definitely try to experience the music scene their streets have to offer. It may just surprise you.

PorchFest will take place on Saturday, May 21, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, May 22. For band profiles and map of locations go to: http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest.



COMMENTARY

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Green Line gets green light



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Green Line Extension (GLX) is alive because you wouldn't have it any other way.

Your overwhelming support for the project—for years made all the difference last week. On May 9, your collective voices helped convince the MassDOT Board of Directors and the MB-TA's Fiscal and Management Control Board to pull it out of the fire. The boards voted unanimously to build the GLX. The stations may be leaner, and the Community Path shorter than we'd hoped. But every stop on the project through College Ave. is a go. Let me say that again: the GLX is a go.

We deserve to celebrate this victory, but we cannot rest easy. The GLX project still faces more hurdles, but the May 9

vote was by far the highest one we've cleared yet. I cannot overstate how perilously close to a no vote the GLX came. Ballooning costs that the City of Somerville had no control over posed an existential threat to the project. Cancelling it altogether -- after all the hard work we've done and all the funding invested by the state -- was still an option under serious consideration. We are grateful that it has survived, and we are especially thankful that Somerville residents remained so vocally behind the GLX.

But while the fiscal fever has subsided, keeping the GLX viable will still require administering some bitter medicine. In our case, this means a significant – and unprecedented – municipal contribution.

With the clear understanding that the project would not move forward otherwise, Cambridge City Manager Richard Rossi and I agreed that we would ask our respective legislative bodies to approve local funds to help close the project's funding gap. Cambridge's share is proposed to be \$25 million.

Our share, pending approval by the Board of Aldermen, will be \$50 million.

I did not come to the decision to approach the Board lightly. You could say we were facing a take-it-or-leave-it-style Hobson's choice: either a GLX that included local funding sources or no project at all. But to this community—and to me—it's never been about "if" but "how." The GLX is simply too important to our community to let it fail. So we didn't choose between "yes" and "no." We chose to find a way forward.

This contribution is an extraordinary step for both communities. Individual towns and cities are not normally asked to fund large, regional transportation projects like the GLX, the Big Dig, or our highways. We have begun to see this in other parts of the country, especially in projects like the GLX, but for Massachusetts, this is a new paradigm.

Somerville and Cambridge have agreed to be pioneers for this new funding approach with the state, but in return we are asking for fair play and forward thinking. We expect this to be the standard for new projects going forward. We also intend to work with the Commonwealth and our legislative delegation to seek laws on "value-capture" tools that will help cities and towns finance their contributions. "Value-capture" would allow us to pay off our share with local revenue from new growth around the Green Line. We also plan to ask the Commonwealth about the possibility of tapping into state Infrastructure Investment Incentive funds to help offset our contribution. We need a reliable, 21st century funding mechanism for 21st century infrastructure.

The initial sum is without a doubt painful. Somerville has many other projects that we need to fund from our roads to our schools to our parks and open space. But we still will reap returns on our investment over both the short and long term and be better off overall for it. Most important are the health benefits we have been waiting for. The GLX will finally take thousands of cars off the highways—an es-

timated 50,000 trips per day—that pollute our air and make Somervillians more vulnerable to serious health risks including heart and lung disease.

The GLX will also unlock more than 18 million square feet of potential new development along its stops, including 30,000 new jobs, 10,000 new housing units, and more than \$3 billion in projected tax revenue for both Somerville and the Commonwealth by 2040. This project benefits everyone. Once finished, 85 percent of people in Somerville will live within a half-mile of a one-seat train ride into Boston. It will also provide more walking and biking paths, to help us get to our destinations using healthy modes of transit.

We need this project, and thanks to your vocal efforts, it's still a go. So let's keep it that way. As the FTA and the state go through their final review and consideration and as we wait for project bids to come in, we must remain vigilant. Please keep a watchful eye and be ready to speak up if we need you. As was so very evident last Monday, your voices matter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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More Somerville Charter Schools?

Are more charter schools headed for Somerville?

A proposal to change the state rules on where new charter schools can set up shop is attracting concern in Somerville because the city would have to pay for them.

On May 2, the Somerville School Committee unanimously passed a resolution against the proposal, and last Thursday, opponents of charter expansion held a forum to inform residents about what's at stake.

"Passing the ballot initiative, with the resulting new charters, would lead to a rapid loss of funding in districts that have newly opened charters within or near their boundaries," said Somerville parent Stephanie

Based on the experiences of districts under the current law, Hirsch said, a realistic scenario is that "In the third year after a new charter school opens, the Somerville Public Schools would have to find more than \$1 million to cut. After about six years, we would close one or two elementary schools."

The proposal is in the form of a statewide ballot question headed for a vote this November. It would allow up to a dozen new charter schools or charter school expansions, with as many as 9500 new seats every year, in addition to the new charter schools already permitted by state law.

Massachusetts law sets a limit on the amount that districts can be billed for charter school students. In most districts, including Somerville, the maximum is nine percent of the district's total school spending. Somerville is one of just seven urban districts that are very close to the limit, so no new charter schools can be opened here. That would change if the ballot question passes.

The proposal would give preference to new charters in districts that are in the bottom quarter of the state's test score-based rating system. Somerville is not in the bottom quarter, but with 12 new slots available every year in the few districts that are near their charter limits, one or more new schools in Somerville would be very likely, opponents warn.

The School Committee resolution May 2 noted that many charter schools avoid students who require more resources or are who don't score high on state tests.

At the Thursday forum, ex-charter school teacher Amanda Patrick described how her former school's student population differed from its surrounding district of Boston. She said her school educated proportionately fewer students requiring specialized instruction, including English language learners and students with serious disabilities. She also said that sometimes her school pushed students to leave as part of the disciplinary process. Four times in two years, she was instructed to tell a family that their child would be expelled if they did not withdraw the child voluntarily.

Fania Joseph, a member of the Boston Public Schools Student Advisory Committee and a former student at a charter school, described disciplinary practices that pushed out many of her classmates at the charter school she once attended.

Ward 4 School Committee member Andre Green spoke of the importance of the public schools' commitment to educate all children, and told his own personal story. As a child, he had to overcome a learning disability. A public school gave him the extra help he needed to become a successful adult.

"I'm the first to say that for all of our progress, Somerville schools are not where we need to be," said Green. "But I'm also aware that we cannot get to where we're going if our limited resources are taken away."

The forum was sponsored by Progress Together for Somerville, the Somerville Teachers Association, the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance, and Save Our Public Schools, a statewide group that was organized to oppose the charter ballot question. Contact progresstogether2016@gmail.com for more.

— Progress Together for Somerville

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COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times



Ready or not, this year's installment of PorchFest will be hitting the city this coming weekend.

Those who have, in the past, taken notice of the event – and it is an event that is rather difficult not to notice – usually have fairly strong opinions of approval or distaste for the goings on.

For the uninitiated, PorchFest invites local musicians to give something of an informal concert outside their homes,

either on a front or back porch, yard, garden, etc.

The event is organized and presented by the Somerville Arts Council, who register participants and provide interested parties with maps to the "stars" homes.

Some folks love it, others hate it, and of course there are plenty who fall in the middle.

Naysayers complain that some of the participants get too loud, and that there is

sometimes public drinking at certain locations that goes beyond legal limitations. Some complain that the "concerts" go on longer than the scheduled times and that they often evolve (or devolve) into full on block parties.

It is, of course, up to each individual participant to follow the guidelines and be responsible "promoters" of their own presentations. It is likely that a few alleged bad apples shouldn't spoil

the entire barrel.

With no road closures involved and a minimum amount of inconvenience to neighbors being reported, for the most part, PorchFest can be a pleasant experience for those who would like to get out and hear some nice, original live music.

So, if you're free for the day, you might want to take in one or more presentations at a porch near you. For better or worse, it's a cheap show at twice the price.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Don't forget good guy and friend to many here in the city, Alderman at Large and President of the Board Bill White is having a fundraiser on Thursday, June 2 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cantina La Mexicana. As soon as he sets it in motion, we will let you know. We're very lucky to have Bill on the Board of Alderman. He's one of the smartest and most forward thinking aldermen. He is currently in his fourth year as President of the Board of Alderman. You know you're good when your colleagues on the Board keep voting for you every year for the office of President. Not in our lifetime has that accomplishment ever been

made.

It appears that the city's Municipal Compensation Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend raising Mayor Joe Curtatone's salary to \$180,000. He currently makes \$145,000. The raise, along with other non-union employees, must have final approval by the Board of Alderman. We heard that the Board as well will be recommended by the Advisory Board for a raise. We hear that another move by the Board of Alderman is not

The good Alderman from Ward 7, Katjana Ballantyne, who is also Vice President of the Board, will be hosting a fundraiser herself on Monday, May 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 212 Holland Street. Alderman Katjana is a new face on the scene here in Somerville. She's doing a great job up there in Ward 7, as we're told by many who live there.

Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy Birthday to Caroline Shea Rosas, a local lady, mom and well known throughout the community. We hope she has a great day. To the one and only Feargal O'Toole, owner of Data for Donkeys and the father of Tess. He's good guy and well known in the political circles here in Somerville and elsewhere, and he's an East Somerville guy so we know he has class. Happy Birthday to Scott Diamond who grew up here in Somerville and just happens to be Director of

Marketing at Anheuser Busch.

Speaking of Happy Birthdays, this past Sunday a surprise Birthday party was thrown for Mary Hart, formerly of the Berkeley Street Hart family. It was great to see all her children and grandchildren present in one room at the same time since the last party thrown for husband Richard a few years ago. We were present and wished Mary the best. She and Richard are old time friends here, going back to the 70's. It was nice to see all the Harts grown and with their own families. We were told that Tyler Hart is engaged. Ricky Hart traveled up from his new home in Florida for the event, which made mom very happy.

Another well known family moved out of the city this past week: We wish Bill and Gail Chambers the very best in their new digs up on the north shore. Many here in the city remember Bill's mother Phyllis Chambers, who was one of the originals at CAAS agency in Union Square. Everyone who knew Phyllis loved her and respected her. Bill grew up in their home on Oxford Street. Now that parcel of land and dwelling

will be built brand new.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. *The Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in *Newstalk*. We guess it's because we like them.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us Continued on page 16

Tiny Tall Ships Festival

The Tiny Tall Ships Festival sailed into Somerville's Union Square on Saturday. The festival celebrated everything tiny and nautical for people of all ages. Small ships, sea monsters and other floating sculptures bobbed in kiddie pools spread across Union Square.

Children and grown-ups were able to make their own tiny boats to race in temporary lagoons. Pirates and mermaids also attended.

A tattoo contest (permanent or temporary), stories for children, sand castle building, a pirate-themed obstacle course, seafood, crafts, and nautical/pirate/mermaid/fishy tunes rounded out the festivities.















Photos by Kevin Dickinson



Union Square Farmers Market

Saturday, May 14, marked the Somerville Union Square Farmers Market's opening day and to coincide with the start of the season, neighborhood eateries and businesses offered specialty items and goods where a percentage of sales were donated to the Union Square Farmer's Market SNAP Match program.

Now in its sixth year, the program allows SNAP recipients to use their benefit cards to purchase farmers market tokens giving them healthy, fresh and locally grown food. The Union Square Main Streets organization then matches every dollar, up to \$10, and has committed to raising \$4,500 to sustain the Farmers Market SNAP Match program during the 2016 season.















Photos by Kevin Dickinson & Donald Norton



SPORTS

For Somerville man, swim has special meaning

By Louise Carpenter

More than 320 swimmers are currently registered for the 40th Annual Save The Bay Swim on August 13. For one family, joining the Swim for the very first time, with two swimmers and two kayakers, the iconic event has special meaning. Daniela Abbott, 34, has lived in Portsmouth, Rhode Island for many years with her husband Branden and their children. Abbott grew up a swimmer, and she and her husband have many friends who've done the Swim, but she's never quite found the right reason to dive in herself. Until now.

Last fall, Abbott's mother, Marcia Hansen, of Circle Pines, Minn., was diagnosed with

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. The diagnosis enticed Hansen and Daniela's father, Jeffrey, to make the move from Minnesota to Portsmouth, R.I. to be closer to Abbott and her family and their son John Victor (JV), of Somerville, Mass., before the disease takes its toll. Abbott and her husband had the idea that "joining this event together would not only bring us closer together as a family and provide a nice distraction from the changes that lie ahead, but also give my parents a great introduction to Narragansett Bay and their new home," Ab-

In their very first Save The Bay Swim, Abbott and her brother JV will swim the 1.7 nautical miles, with her husband and father kayaking alongside them. They call themselves Team Bonito, for the fast, native South Atlantic fish from the mackerel family, which also happens to mean "beautiful" in Portuguese.

After 15 years living hundreds of miles apart, ALS has brought Abbott's family closer (literally) and given them a reason to create new memories together. "Mom is very excited that we are all doing the Swim together and is looking forward to welcoming us at the finish! And we hope to pass our love of the water onto our kids," Abbott said. "This is a good cause, and I hope to document the events with pictures, video, and stories and to share with others our experience as first-timers."

The 40th annual Save The Bay Swim will be held on August 13, 2016. Nearly 500 swimmers and 100+ kayakers between the ages of 15 and 83+ annually participate in the 1.7 nautical mile journey from Naval Station Newport on Coaster's Harbor Island across the East Passage to



Daniela Abbott (center), with her parents Marcia and Jeffrey Hansen.

Jamestown's Potter Cove. One of the most storied open water swims in the United States, the Save The Bay Swim celebrates tremendous progress in cleaning up Narragansett Bay since its first official Swim in 1977 and the organization's founding in 1970. In the early years of the Swim, swimmers often emerged from the water with oil and tar balls on their skin and swimsuits. Last year, swimmers reported seeing schools of menhaden beneath them as they swam.

For more information and to register for the Swim, as a swimmer or virtual swimmer, visit savebay.org/theswim.

About Save The Bay: Founded in 1970, Save The Bay works to protect and improve Narragansett Bay and its watershed through advocacy, education, and restoration efforts. It envisions a fully swimmable, fishable, healthy Narragansett Bay, accessible to everyone and globally recognized as an environmental treasure.



- 1. What occupational task is carried out by a sawyer?
- 2. Scurvy is caused by a deficiency of which vitamin?
- 3. Who wrote the book The Invisible Man?
- 4. Which rock band wrote and performed the theme for the long-running adult cartoon TV show *South Park?*
- 5. Which unit of the Roman army consisted of 480 men?
- 6. How many X chromosomes do women have?

- 7. Which city is the largest port in Germany?
- 8. Which actress is best known for her role as Jennifer Hart in the television series *Hart to Hart?*
- 9. How many hurdles are there in a 400 meters hurdles race?
- 10. Sean John Combs is better known by what stage name?
- 11. Which large animal kills more people than any other animal in Africa?
- 12. Strange Days is the second studio album by which American rock band?

Answers on page 23

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Surprise birthday party for Mary Hart

By Donald F. Norton

Well known matriarch of the Hart family, Mary Kane-Hart, mother, nurse and friend to many was surprised this past Sunday at Kitty's in North Reading when her family threw her a surprise 70th birthday party.

Her nine children, their spouses and 16 grandkids, as well over a 100 relatives and friends, showed their appreciation to a great lady who is loved for her service to her family and community over the years.

Mary has been a very integral part of our community and church over the years here in Somerville, and is very active in many civic organizations and church groups. She is still doing a full time job as a nurse in Malden at one of the clinics.

It was a great time for family and friends to get reacquainted and see how each one has grown. We enjoyed it very much.



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— Photo by Donald F. Norton

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

New indoor turf in town

This spring, the Founders Memorial Ice Rink has a new look. The winter surface has been replaced with artificial turf. More than \$67,000 was spent to install the temporary turf that will add field space for the spring and summer months.

"We decided to make an indoor turf facility to have more opportunities for people in Somerville," said director of Somerville Recreation Jill Lathan. The rink will be rented out the same way other city fields are for sports leagues, youth recreation and private parties.



On Saturday, April 16 Somerville Recreation Department introduced the new indoor turf field to residents with a "Day of Play" event. The city recreation staff led numerous sports activities with children and families from all over the city.

Many of the youth who participated in the event play school sports. Some said the event was a good way to interact with others and practice their skills on the field.

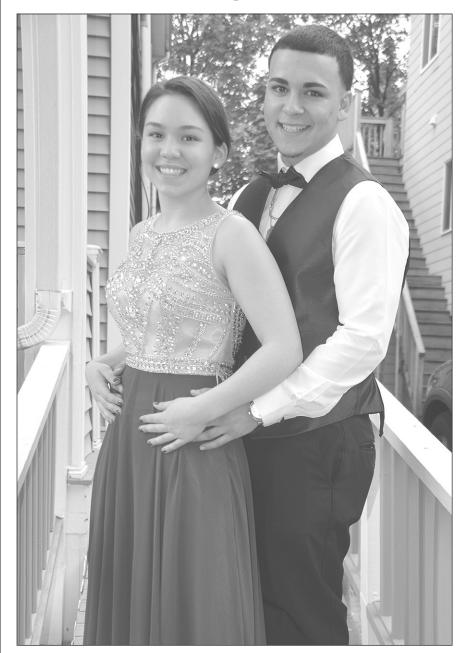
"I love this," said 11 year old Somerville resident Madisyn Mahoney. "You get to play football, lacrosse, and dodge ball all in one place."

According to the city recreation staff, encouraging youth to be proactive in fitness and health is their mission.

"When I was kid I joined all the rec programs," said Caitlyn Breen, staff member of Somerville Recreation. "Working with the kids and giving them what I had when I was kid is important to me."

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. Learn more online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

Prom Night 2016



Chris Pino and Casey Revilla celebrated Somerville High's Senior Prom at the Boston Cambridge Marriot Friday night. - Photo by Claudia Ferro

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 16P2424EA

Estate of: Sheila A. Kline

Also known as: Sheila Kline

Date of Death: <u>03/07/2016</u>

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Margaret Reardon

of

Medford MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Margaret Reardon

Medford MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in <u>an unsupervised</u> administration.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/062016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly Jr., First Justice of this Court.

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Date: <u>May 09, 2016</u>

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 06P0647AP

Estate of: Dora F. Hines

Date of Death: <u>January 9, 2005</u>

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

David R. Lucas

requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue approve an accounting compel or approve a distribution adjudicate a final settlement and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on

June 13, 2016

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

 $\label{eq:witness} \textbf{Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly Jr., First Justice of this Court.}$

Date: May 5, 2016

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from general contractors for the Installation of Exit Signs at Weston Manor for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by NANGLE ENGINEERING INC.

The Project consists of in general but is not limited to: the installation of new exit signs and all associated wire and conduit.

The Contractor's work is estimated to cost approximately \$17,000.00.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to Federal minimum wage rates as well as other applicable laws.

This project is being electronically bid. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. You must submit your bid electronically at www.Projectdog.com. Obtain all documents online via the job number #812833, or reviewed at Projectdog's physical location, or request a free project CD. Tutorials, instructions and videos on how to complete an electronic bid are available online as well as in the instructions to bidders. You may also call Projectdog, Inc at 978-499-9014 for assistance in submitting your bid package (M - F 9AM - 5PM).

General Bids will be received until 2:00PM on June 2, 2016 and publicly opened, forthwith online.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u). As well as additional HUD forms, Chapter 14, Equal Employment requirements, all information is provided in the project manual.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY. Refer to Instruction to Bidders

Bid Forms and Contract Documents are available Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at www.Projectdog.com via job #812833 or at Projectdog, Inc 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA (978-499-9014).

There is a plan deposit of \$30.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to Projectdog, Inc. Refundable deposits must be a certified or cashier's check. This deposit will be refunded upon return of all documentation in good condition within ten (10) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of Projectdog. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$75.00 for next day delivery, payable to the Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

Bidders must submit as part of their bid a completed form HUD-5369A, "Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders".

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Weston Manor at 15 Weston Ave at 11:00 AM on May 26, 2016. Immediately following the Pre-Bid Conference, there will be a tour of the two developments. Any questions should be submitted in writing at that time.

The Contract Documents may be seen by electronic media at:
Project Dog — www.projectdog.com; Joseph Merritt & Co. www.mer-rittgraphics.com; and CMD (formerly Reed Construction Data) www.cmdgroup.com/Home

The contact person for the Authority is Gabriel Ciccariello Telephone No. 617-625-1152 Ext. 330

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.

Joseph Macaluso, Executive Director Somerville Housing Authority May 18, 2016

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that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

Remember, for the best footwear and other name brand clothing go online to www.shoebuy.com, compliments of local resident and SVP **Zach Zasloff**.

It seems like a lot of people over in Everett are big fans of our mayor since he filed an appeal based on the Environmental Permit to stop the casino. One of our fans who we won't mention was at City Hall in Everett recently, and a city councilor said some rather nasty stuff about our mayor. Maybe wearing apparel with the marking on it "Villen" wasn't a good idea in Everett? A Wynn official says it appears that the \$2 billion Wynn Boston Harbor resort due to open by early 2019 could depend on how a meeting next month between Somerville's mayor and the casino developers on the project's environmental permit works out.

Join Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters, the Community Preservation Committee and Community Preservation Act (CPA) project implementers on Tuesday, May 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a celebration to mark the reopening of Prospect Hill Tower. The stabilization of Prospect Hill Tower is the first project to be completed with Somerville CPA funds. Attendees will gather at 5:30 p.m. at the Prospect Hill Tower for a short speaking program followed by the opportunity to climb Prospect Hill Tower on a guided tour led by local historian Larry Willwerth, who will share the lesser known history of Prospect Hill. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about other ongoing Community Preservation Act projects from project implementers who will share information about their projects at tables around the Tower. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the Somerville Community Preservation Act, visit www.somervillema. gov/cpa. *******

Please join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville High School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) on Wednesday, May 24, 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, the City's LGBTQ Community Liaison, and a representative from GSA will speak at the event. The event is open to the public, and we invite community members to join us in celebrating LGBTQ youth and the diversity that makes Somerville great. For more information about the GSA and other LGBT programming, events and information, please contact lgbtq@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600 ext 2400.

The Marathon Sports "Memphis Soul 5Km BBQ Run is taking place on August 21 at The Burren in Davis Square, Somerville. It's a 5Km course open to runners and walkers-its fairly flat and fast. They also love people who just buy a ticket to enjoy the BBQ and live music. Everyone who crosses the finish line receives a snazzy Finish Medal designed by Ashworth Awards - the same company the creates the finisher medal for the Boston Marathon. The Post Race BBQ is behind The Burren - there is a great BBQ, live music provided by Shor'ty Billups & The Foxxx Band and refreshments provided by the Dingle Brewery Company of Dingle, Co. Kerry, Ireland. Take the "Elvis & Elvette Challenge" - cash prizes to the top three Elevette's & Elvis's to cross the finish line. The Run benefits Multiple Sclerosis. Please see http://baevents. com/elvis/ for more information and to register.

Annual COA Nutrition Fair









A Nutrition Fair was held Thursday, May 12 at the Council On Aging's Holland Street Center from. Health screenings, food demonstrations, healthy eating tips and more was offered. A healthy lunch was offered after the fair.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

City of Somerville abandoned bike sale













On Saturday, May 14 the City of Somerville held a yard sale of sorts at the former Powderhouse Community School featuring over 100 abandoned bikes. A lot of the bikes were not in great shape, but could be good bargains for anyone skilled in bike repair.

— Photos by Donald Norton

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday May 18

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

Thursday | May 19

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

West Branch Library

Lego Club 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. 40 College Ave

Friday | May 20

Central Library

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

East Branch Library Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.| 115 Broadway

Monday | May 23

Central Library Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library SHS Teen Group 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Sing Along with Matt Heaton 3:30 p.m. -4 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday | May 24

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 25

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

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

Central Library Teen Empowerment

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | May 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Spring For Children benefit for the Mystic Learning Center. Great raffles, food, fun, and the Tom Hagerty Band til 10! \$20 suggested donation 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room Backroom Series: Kevin Burke 7 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone 10 p.m.

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Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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379 Somerville Ave **Highland Kitchen**

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

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

Thursday | May 19

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

The Burren Front Room

Lunchtime Concert Series 1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm Backroom Series: REVMA - Traditional Greek Music|7 p.m.

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Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square Thunder Road

Joanne Shaw Taylor (Blues Rock)

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory

Historic Preservation Awards Cere-6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Big Big Buildings 7p.m. | 156 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

Something Big 8:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

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About Nothing | 7 p.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom An Evening With Session Americana 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | May 21 Sally O'Brien's

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B.A.B.E student showcase|7 p.m. Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing 10 p.m. 255 Elm St

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Thunder Road Birthday Celebration for Danny Klein the one-and-only Ace on Bass for the J. Geils Band (R&B/Rock N Roll) 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

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MetalSucks Presents A Grayskull Booking/Wormwood Joint Event|9 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Monday | May 23 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy

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

The Burren Front Room

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

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666-3589 The Burren

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

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge Open Mic Night

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Thunder Road Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 6:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal and Pizza|8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave **Arts at the Armory**Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | May 25

Sally O'Brien's Bar Spring For Children benefit for the Mystic Learning Center. Great raffles, food, fun, and the Tom \$20 suggested donation 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: Nollaig Casey and

Arty McGlynn, with Tommy Sands. Double Bill |7 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Jeff Jam (Children's Theater & Music)|6 p.m. Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night

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Arts at the Armory

Emily Haviland Baker and Friends 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | May 18

Central Library

Book Sale Setup 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Central Library Drop In Coloring for Adults

Central Library

Sale

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday | May 19

Book Sale Setup 1 p.m..- 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library Preview: Friends of the Library Book

5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Friday | May 20 **Central Library**

Book Sale Setup 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Friends of the Library Book Sale

12 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Saturday | May 21

Central Library Friends of the Library Book Sale 10 a.m.--4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Somerville Local First - Spring Market 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

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Holland St Sunday | May 22

Bagel Bards

Central Library Friends of the Library Book Sale 1:30 p.m..- 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

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

Monday May 23 West Branch Library

Sleep and Aging: a Talk with Dr. Kirsi-Marja Zitting and Dr. Nina Vujovic 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|40 College Ave **East Branch Library**

Learn English at the Library!

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

(Session 2)7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

Central Library Drawings in Medieval Manuscripts 6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | May 24 **Central Library**

Building Community for Your Family 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday | May 25

Central LibraryMaking Caring Common Focus

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

Central Library Mystery Book Club

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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 -Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted

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Dancing In The Park – Starting Monday, April 25 and running or 5 weeks. Join us at Chuckie Harris Park (Cross Street East / behind the Cross Street Center) from 12:00 P.M. until 1:00 P.M. for this FREE Dancing in the Park series. Zumba, Salsa, Konpo, Forro and Kizomba – provides low impact and easy-to-follow pace for a healthy active lifestyle. This event is OPEN to EVERYONE. If you should have any questions, please call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315. Hope to see you there! RAIN or SHINE. If it is raining we will be inside the Cross Street Center. If it is SHINE we will be in the park! Still 3 classes left!

Ageless Grace – Mondays, April 25 to May 23rd at our Holland Street Center from 8:30 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. Anti-aging exercises almost anyone can do. Only \$20 for 5 classes. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to sign up or if you should have any questions.

Senior Health Insurance 101 –We will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional information and to sign up.

Forget Me Knot Group –Wednesdays from March 16 through June 15th from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – A 3 month support group about memory and aging. Our Forget Me Knot Group hopes to answer questions & provide educational, emotional and social support. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you should have any questions, require additional information or to reserve your spot.

Hearing Screening and Hearing Aid Checks – Tuesday, May 24 at our Holland Street Center from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. You MUST call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to SCHEDULE a time to be seen

Hairspray – Wednesday, June 8 – Check in time at our Holland Street Center at 10:15 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. First stop will the The Olde Colony Café in Norwood for an awesome lunch then a short walk away to The Norwood Theatre for the play "Hairspray – The Broadway Musical. The fee is \$48 which includes transportation, lunch and show. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you should have any questions.

Essex, Gloucester & Rockport – Wednesday, June 15 - \$25 fee includes motorcoach transportation and lunch. Luncheon choices are between baked haddock, seafood medley or roasted chicken. Seating is limited. Check-in time is 9:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 10:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Mohegan By Day/Foxwoods Overnight – Thursday & Friday, June 9 & 10 - \$219 per person / single \$169 per person/double – Includes motorcoach transportation, Mohegan Sun bonus, Foxwoods bonus, plus so much more. Departing our Ralph & Jenny Center on June 9th at 7:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Friday the 10th. For additional information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Know Your Consumer Rights: Fraud Prevention & Protection – Thursday, June 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Presented by the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations - Please RSVP by calling Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

All available appointments for the Hearing Screening & Hearing Aid Checks scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th are BOOKED.

Please note that ALL CENTERS CLOSED on May 30th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

The Mohegan / Foxwoods overnight trip scheduled for June 9th & June 10th is SOLD OUT.

The Essex, Gloucester & Rockport day trip scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th is SOLD OUT.

The Lowell Spinners outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th is SOLD OUT. The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6th, 7th

and 8th is BOOK SOLID.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 13th at 4:30 P.M. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 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

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:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street* (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 10:30 Fit 4 Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life*

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | May 18

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday | May 19

10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (H,RJ,C)

12:30 – 1:30 Mental Health Outreach Event (H) 12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday | May 20

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday May 23

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Senior Health Insurance 101 (H) 10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 1:00 Bereavement Group (H)

Tuesday | May 24

9:30 – 11:30 Coffee Hour (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:30 Afternoon at the Movies (H)
Ralph & Jenny Center is Closed

Wednesday | May 25

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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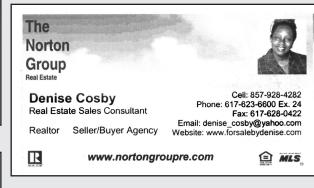
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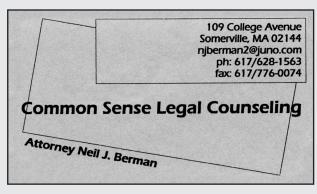
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10:30am	Somerville Storytime	11:30pm	MAPS	7:00pm	Gay USA	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
11:00am	Chef's Table Series	Friday,May	20	8:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	5:00pm	Telegalaxie
12:00pm	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	The Literati Scene	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	The Struggle
1:30pm	Physicians Focus	6:30pm	Life Matters	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	Start Up TV
2:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Music Mania Television
2:30pm	Blokesworld	7:30am	Color in your life	Sunday,	May 22	8:00pm	The Somerville Line
3:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Faith Show	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Walter Ness Presents	6:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
5:00pm	Art At SCATV	10:00am	Somerville Pundits	7:00am	Nossa Gente's e Costumes	11:00pm	Visual Radio
5:30pm	The Folklorist	10:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Tuesday, Ma	nv 24
6:00pm	Haitian poetry	11:00am	SCATV presents: Duck Village Stage	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	Art at Scat
7:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	12:00pm	Free Speech TV	10:00am	Greater Somerville Live	6:30am	Esoteric Science
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	1:00pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	1:30pm	Taking back your health	11:00am	Chef's table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	12:00pm	Blokesworld	9:00am	Chefs table Series
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Eat well be happy
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Let's talk Real Estate!	10:30am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
11:00pm	Warm up Wednesday	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Finger on the Pulse	11:00am	The Somerville Line
11:30pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm	Reeling Review	2:30pm	Monday's at 9	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
Thursday, M	lav 19	5:30pm	Words on Film	3:00pm	Infinite Momentum	1:00pm	The Struggle
6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	6:00pm	Let's talk Real Estate!	3:30pm	Legacies	1:30pm	Somerville Pundits
7:00am	The Struggle	6:30pm	Finger on the Pulse	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
7:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	7:00pm	Juprey Promotions	5:00pm	Dead Air Live	2:30pm	Health is Wealth
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		nema Somerville Presents: May Mysteries	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:00pm	Taking back your health
9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm	African Television Network	3:30pm	Physicians Focus
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	10:30pm	Creative Somerville Series	8:00pm	Telemagazine	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Poet to Poet		Cinema Somerville Presents: May Mysteries	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:30pm	Duck Village Stage
11:30am	Legacies	Saturday, N	lay 21	11:30pm	Words on Film	6:30pm	Person 2 Person
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	Life matters	Monday	May 23	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	6:30am	Eat well be Happy	6:00am	Health is Wealth	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	7:00am	Physicians Focus	6:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:00pm	Eat Well be Happy	7:30am	Words on Film	7:00pm	The Struggle	9:00pm	Mondays at 9
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	Somerville Storytime	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00am	Duck Village Stage	10:30pm	Reeling the review show
5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Baystate Biking news	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show
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Wednesday, May 18		Friday, Ma	ay 20	2:00pm	Know Your Rights	9:30am	Congressional Update
9:00am	lane's Walk 2016	12:00am	A Moonlighters' Performance	6:30pm	SomerViva en Español	12:00pm	Mayor's Town Business Meeting
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 5.16.16	12:48am	Guns n' Hoses 2016	6:54pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin	1:11pm	The Mayor's Report
2:30pm	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer	1:46am	The Mayor's Report	7:30pm	Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16	1:31pm	SomerViva Haitian Creole
3:14pm	City Hall Mural	2:06am	Congressional Update	8:42pm	Beyond the Badge	2:01pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
6:30pm	SomerViva en Español	2:36am	Connecting Communities - "SBIRT"	9:12pm	LOCUS USQ Meeting - 5.3.16	2:37pm	Know Your Rights
7:00pm	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer	9:00am	The Mayor's Report	Sunday, N	Nay 22	6:30pm	The Mayor's Report
7:44pm	LOCUS USQ Meeting - 5.3.16	9:30am	Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16	12:00am	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer	6:49pm	2016 Patriots' Day
9:34pm	Connecting Communities - "SBIRT"	12:00pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration	9:00am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	7:33pm	Congressional Update
10:01pm	SomerViva em Portugues	1:08pm	SomerViva em Portugues	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	8:03pm	A Moonlighters' Performance
Thursday, Ma	av 19	1:40pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	8:51pm	GLX Community Path Public Meeting
12:00am	A Moonlighters' Performance	2:09pm	Jane's Walk 2016	1:30pm	A Moonlighters' Performance - 4.25.16	10:51pm	A Poetry Reading at the Cross St. Center
12:48am	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer	6:30pm	The Mayor's Report	2:18pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	'	, ,
1:32am	SomerViva en Español	7:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	2:47pm	Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16	Tuesday,	-
2:00am	Jane's Walk 2016	7:30pm	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer	4:00pm	SomerViva Haitian Creole	12:00am	Jane's Walk 2016
9:00am	SomerViva Haitian Creole	8:14pm	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2016	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin	1:43am	The Mayor's Report
9:30am	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2016	8:44pm	LOCUS USQ Meeting - 5.3.16	7:05pm	Senior Circuit	2:03am	Guns n' Hoses 2016
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	10:34pm	SomerViva en Español	7:36pm	SomerViva en Español	9:00am	SomerViva en Español
12:30pm S	eriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	Saturday,	May 21	8:01pm	The Mayor's Report	9:30am	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer
1:00pm	Guns n' Hoses 2016	12:00am	Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16	8:21pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
2:00pm	The Mayor's Report	1:11am	SomerViva en Español	8:49pm	SomerViva Haitian Creole	12:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
2:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues	1:36am	A Poetry Reading at the Cross St. Center	9:19pm	Jane's Walk 2016	1:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
3:01pm	Connecting Communities - "SBIRT"	2:02am	Connecting Communities - "SBIRT"	Monday,	May 23	1:35pm	The Mayor's Report
6:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues	2:29am	Beyond the Badge	12:00am	Senior Circuit	2:00pm	SomerViva Haitian Creole
7:01pm	The Mayor's Report	9:00am	Beyond the Badge	12:30am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	2:30pm	Beyond the Badge
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9:04pm	LOCUS USQ Meeting - 5.3.16	1:36pm	The Mayor's Report	9:00am	SomerViva Haitian Creole	9:43pm	Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Our Schools, Our City

9:20pm

10:00pm

Friday, May 20

12:00am

SHS Girls Basketball 2015-16

SHS Baseball v Everett - 4.28

5:00pm Student of the Qtr.- Kennedy School - 5.5.16

5:30pm Student of the Qtr.- Brown School - 5.5.16

9:00am	CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016	12:00am	Our Schools, Our City	10.00piii	STIS Busebuil V Everett 1.20	3.30piii	student of the Qu. Brown sensor 3.3.10
11:00am	2016 World Language Awards Night	1:00am	SHS Baseball v Everett - 4.28	Sunday, I	May 22	6:00pm	Student of the Qtr WSNS - 5.2.16
12:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16	6:00am	Public Domain Theater - May	12:00am	SHS Softball v Everett	6:30pm	Student of the Qtr WHCIS - 4.28.16
1:00pm	SHS Spring Concert 2016	9:00am	All-City Chamber Strings Concert 2016	1:45am	Public Domain Theater - May	7:00pm	Student of the Qtr Argenziano School -
3:00pm	SHS Career Fair 2016	11:00am	SHS Softball v Everett	9:00am	All-City Chamber Strings Concert 2016		4.29.16
4:00pm	SHS Softball v Lawrence	1:00pm	All City Middle School Spring Concert	10:00am	CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016	8:00pm	Student of the Qtr ESCS 4.15.16
6:00pm	CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016	2:30pm	Connecting Communities - SBIRT	12:00pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	8:30pm	All-City Chamber Strings Concert 2016
8:00pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	3:00pm	Spring String Fling 2016	1:00pm	SHS Spring Concert 2016	10:00pm	Spring String Fling 2016
9:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16	4:00pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	3:00pm	All City Middle School Spring Concert	11:00pm	SHS Baseball v Malden 5.18.16
10:00pm	SHS Spring Concert 2016	5:00pm	All-City Chamber Strings Concert 2016	5:00pm	All-City Chamber Strings Concert 2016	Tuesday,	May 24
Thursday, I	May 19	7:00pm	SHS Softball v Everett	6:00pm	CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016	12:00am	SHS Career Fair 2016
12:00am	SHS Career Fair 2016	9:00pm	All City Middle School Spring Concert	8:00pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	12:30am	SHS Softball v Lawrence
12:30am	SHS Softball v Lawrence	10:30pm	Connecting Communities - SBIRT	9:00pm	SHS Spring Concert 2016	9:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert
9:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert	11:00pm	Spring String Fling 2016	11:00pm	Our Schools, Our City	10:00am	2016 National Honor Society
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11:30am	SHS Improvement Committee	1:00am	SHS Softball v Everett	1:30am	SHS Softball v Everett		Public Forum - 4.26
11.504111	Public Forum - 4.26	3:00am	Public Domain Theater - May		sudent of the Qtr Kennedy School - 5.5.16	1:00pm	SHS Baseball v Medford
1:00pm	SHS Baseball v Medford	9:00am	SHS Baseball v Medford		Student of the Qtr Brown School - 5.5.16	3:00pm	Our Schools, Our City
1 '	r Schools, Our City - SHS Building Project	11:00am	SHS Softball v Everett	10:00am	Student of the Qtr WSNS - 5.2.16	4:00pm	SHS Baseball v Everett - 4.28
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7:00pm	2016 National Honor Society	2:00pm	SHS Baseball v Everett - 4.28		4.29.16		Induction Ceremony
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Mayra Gomez, a student at Endicott College, writes The Somerville Times: "I'm from Honduras, Central America. I'm 19 years old. My major is International Business. I love literature and learning different writing styles."



the soul transcends

a butterfly ascends,
with radiant wings,
glowing in a moment of grief.

A soul keeps living,
The body expires,
Like the sun,
At the end of the day.

The world shrouded by sorrow, sadness A butterfly,
Shimmering through the agony
And the effulgent warmth
Of a soul,
That is alive.

— Mayra Gomez

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville author Stefan Cooke's new book sheds light on a long lost child prodigy Barbara Newhall Follett

Part of life is losing touch. People disappear from our lives, sometimes never to appear again. Somerville writer Stefan Cooke author of *Barbara Newhall Follett: A Life in Letters* is not satisfied to let the disappearance of his half aunt Barbara disappear into the ether. With his new book he traces Follet's life through her letters. Follett was gifted child prodigy writer, who vanished in 1939 from her home in Brookline, Mass. at age 25. She was never to be heard of again.

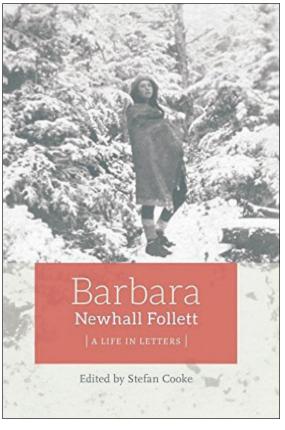
Cooke has long been fascinated by Follet's story and writing. He told me over coffee at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square that, "I love her work, her skill with words, language, vocabulary and imagery." For the book he researched Follett's papers at the Columbia University's rare book collection in New York City. Cooke said, "The book is basically a collection of letters to various correspondents." Cooke told me that Follet did not have a formal education (she was home-schooled), and never went to college except for a few dance classes at Mills College. In spite of this, Follett had the talents and skills of a master wordsmith.

At he age of eight Follett wrote her first novel, *The* House Without Windows. Follett explained that it was about, "...a child who ran away from loneliness, to find companions in the woods - animal friends." Her father, Wilson Follett (the noted critic), sent it to the prestigious New York City publisher Knopf, and in 1927, when Follett was 12 years old, it was published. The New York Times lauded the book, calling it, "...truly remarkable." The Saturday Review of Literature opined that the book was, "Almost unbearably beautiful." Later, when Follett was at the advanced age of 13 (with her parent's consent) she took to sea as a crewman on a lumber schooner. And, of course, a book ensued: The Voyage of the Norman D. The Times Literary Supplement raved about the book saying it was, "... embellished by a literary craftsmanship which would do credit to an experienced writer."

But as fate would have it, Wilson Follett left her mother for a younger woman. The father did not provide much money or support. Eventually Barbara Follet's life unraveled. She got married as a teenager, but the marriage eventually soured. She left her marital home in Brookline, Mass. in December of 1939, never to be heard of again.

Cooke told me he has lived in Somerville for years with his wife, artist Resa Blatman. Blatman designed the cover of his book. Cooke works as a web designer as his day job. One of his projects is the *Afghan Women's Writing Project* that publishes the work of Afghan women, hosts an online workshop, and occasionally publishes books by these women, sometimes in their native language of Dari.

Cooke tells me there is an opera planned about Follet's life, and in 2017 Penguin Books plans to release a critical study of her work and life. Cooke is quite glad to be part of this conversation about



this lost genius.

Cooke shared this with The Times:

Here's an excerpt from a letter Barbara wrote in 1930, when she was 16 and living in New York City. It's what I picked for the back of my book. The book she was going to write was called *Lost Island*, which I transcribed and posted on Farksolia a few years ago: http://www.farksolia.org/lost-island-part-1/

"Do you realize that a year ago yesterday I set sail from Honolulu harbor in my beloved Vigilant? I was rather glum all yesterday thinking of it. It hurt. I suppose it will be years before I go to sea again, and I may never even see that schooner. I suppose that I spent about the happiest month of my life during that sea-trip in her. And it lasted even during that week in port, when I took over the cabin-boy's job, and when Helen, Anderson, and I had cherry- and ice-cream-parties in the cabin after everyone had gone ashore, and when we used to walk up into that virgin forest two miles up the road, and eat salmon-berries. Life was beautiful then. This doesn't seem like the same era. Here the beauty consists of great stone towers against the sunset—sublime, symbolic, but away above the plane of us poor ants that hustle along the swarming streets at their feet, so engrossed in ourselves that we never even see a fellow-mortal, but bump into him with a bang, and then hurray and hurry on.

Oh, my God, my God!

It makes one's heart and soul suffer—it stabs them to the quick. Oh, for wings, for wings!

Wings!"

That is, in general, the theme not only of my own heart, but of the book I'm going to write. I ought to be able to write it — I live it constantly. My heart is the field of a thousand battles every day.

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