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Sean Donaghy of Fossil Free Somerville addressed the City Council, speaking in favor of the resolution to urge the state to pass its fossil fuel divestment measures.

By Jim Clark

A resolution was put forward at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville City Council which urges the Massachusetts state legislature to adopt measures H3662/S636 to enable independent public retirement systems to use their prudent judgment regarding fossil fuel divestment.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, Council President and Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne said, "I am very excited to put this resolution forward. This Council had supported this resolution for the Somerville retirement system to divest its holdings a few years back. So this particular one is to support the House and the Senate bill that is before the state legislature.

Ballantyne then sponsored Sean Donaghy of Fossil Free Somerville to speak before the Council. Donaghy offered a

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Bike Month kicks-off in Somerville

By Jackson Ellison

May is National Bike Month, which is intended to help spread the health and environmental benefits of riding a bike. The Somerville Bike Committee hosted a Bike Month Kick-Off celebration.

The Kick-Off was held on April 28 at Aeronaut Brewing Company and was part of Somerville's SustainaVille Week, a week-long event dedicated to promoting a sustainable lifestyle and climate change activism. The event included a panel discussion on biking, valet bike parking, and live music.

The Kick-off was meant for anyone interested in the biking community, one of Boston's longest-running bicycle gang, Skul was represented. Skul transforms bikes into "space ships" and rides them all throughout the Boston area.

At the Kick-Off, many bike enthusiasts gathered to inform the public about why riding a bike is the right choice in the City of Somerville. Oliver Sellers-Garcia, the Director of Somerville's Office of Sustainability and Environment says it's important to show

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The National Bike Month Kick-Off in Somerville was held on April 28 at Aeronaut Brewing Company.

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The Somerville Chamber of Commerce monthly After Business Hours this month is set for **Thursday, May 2**, at the **Flatbread Company**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Contact the Chamber to make your reservation.

Driving around Somerville these past several weeks and months has been torture. What with the detours, construction of bridges and the vast amount of pot holes that are everywhere, it has been a major headache. Who plans this to all happen at the same time? The Ball Square bridge closed, Washington St. bridge closed, and now soon the Medford St. bridge will be closed. Then you have Union Square, which is just horrible to get through unless it's 3:00 a.m. What person is responsible for a city which is less than four miles square with a population of 78K to 80K and makes it so difficult to get around. Regarding the pot holes, the **City Councilors** are now telling people to call 311. They can't or won't do anything. In days not too far in the past, the Aldermen got a call and the pot hole was filled. We hear one City Councilor has multiple pot holes on his street. Wonder if he called 311?

A third **East Somerville Reunion** is set for this year. **Dan Rogovich** has let us know he is once again planning it. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to have a third. Thanks to Dan, who is an East Somerville lover, managed to get the **Somerville City Club** booked on **Saturday, June 15**. Dan and his assistants worked hard on the past two and they will do the same this year to make it a success. Many here at **The Times** are from East Somerville and we will be there, and we have already reached out to others. A small group of "down backers" behind the Bucket who grew up there in the 60's will all be there. They meet every four or so months to talk about old times and great times. Help make this a success. Go online to Facebook to check it out. Ask Dan what you can do to help. He is looking for the food, entertainment and just plain

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Sewer and Water Improvement Plan leads to increases in resident bills

13.5%!!!! says:
I can't believe they are seriously going to raise water and sewer rates by 13.5%. On top of the already outrageous water/sewer rates, the rise in property taxes, the coming costs of the green line, the new high school, and the new alternative high school. How do they think people can absorb this into their budgets?

Old Taxpayer says:
The easy part is we are going to have to pay or leave. They have plenty waiting to come in a take our places.

Villinous says:
A 6% increase and 7.5% sewer increase is not a 13.5% increase. If both bills were for equal amounts, it would be a 6.75% increase. No matter what, the total increase would fall between 6% and 7.5%. Anyone who lives near Union Square should understand why we've got to upgrade the system.

Gary says:
It's a lot to take in, for sure, and it will impact all of us. But having a good, well-maintained water system is vital infrastructure — it's not just "quality of life", water is life itself. This is the right thing to do. We don't want to turn into Flint.

overcooked says:
enough is enough

Response to: City seeks passage of Somerville Welcoming Community Ordinance

joe says:
By "all are welcome" let's be clear that the only thing as stake is whether people illegally in the country are welcome here. There is no question that legal immigrants are welcome here or anybody else in the US.
I don't understand why illegals should be welcome. I've been all over the world and every country has immigration and visa rules, and I fully expected to get booted from a country if I ever violated them. Why does Somerville think we should be a shelter? It's not racist or xenophobic to say there should be enforcement of the laws that are on the book.

Ben Scott says:
Over a half billion in debt and this is what the city council is working on? How about working on fiscal responsibility, reducing taxes and reduce hiring and spending.

Old Taxpayer says:
So the city just wants to be above the law and wants everyone else to break it without consequences. Somerville is only a city, not the federal government.

Villinous says:
This is mostly the City Council echoing state law (already can't hold people on ICE warrants) and longstanding policy. The ordinance guards against an anti-immigrant reactionary becoming mayor and trying to round up a bunch of people, but the chances of one of those getting elected is slim to none.
So, all for it, but can we please get zoning done?

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Life in the

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by Jimmy Del Ponte

Cobblestones



We recently watched the Ball Square Bowling Alley come down to make way for the new Green Line station. As Somerville has gone through many changes in my lifetime, I'm happy that some of old Somerville became part of a new Somerville.

Back around 1919 or so, the cobblestones that made up the streets in Davis Square were pulled up to make way for new paved roads. My grandfather, who lived a few streets away, grabbed his wheelbarrow and started making trips back and forth moving those cobblestones to his backyard.

Hopefully, he enlisted some of his friends like Goomba Salvador and Mongooch to help him. He then created a patio area consisting of the historic stones. Think of all the trolleys, horses, and big wheeled (penny farthing) bicycles that traveled over those cobblestoned streets.

That was up until my grandpa

repurposed some of the stones. The backyard was finished in 1920, documented by grandpa in a marker of tiny stones, forming a "1920" marker, which is still intact today.

I remember
watching them
place the pieces like
it was yesterday

From 1920 when my father, the oldest of 6 was born, up until my Auntie Olga passed in 2018, the backyard hosted the good life. That yard was where my dad, aunts and uncles, and grandparents and friends had parties, ate grapes and gooseberries, drank wine from those very grapes, and lived life to the fullest. My grandchildren, the fifth generation were in the yard playing this past Sunday.

When I look at those cobblestones today, still in place and still strong and sturdy, my mind wanders. I try to picture my dad as a young boy with his brother and sisters playing in the yard among those stones. Those cob-

blestones remain there today as a lasting testimony to an entrepreneurial vision and creative workmanship.

Just think, 100 years, and five generations of life in that yard with those repurposed cobblestones.

We had a driveway paved twenty years ago that already needs to be replaced. Look at the sad condition the bricks in Davis Square are in. It's a lesson in quality. Then I look at the cobblestones in grandpa's yard. Old country, old school, and still standing.

In 1960, my grandpa and my father built a retaining wall in our backyard out of chunks of concrete from the old sidewalk in Davis Square. I remember watching them place the pieces like it was yesterday.

What can we repurpose today? Maybe those crushed plastic road markers that have been flattened all over the city? Maybe they can be used as wiffle ball bats!

It's soothing to see those old cobblestones still serving out their second life. Hopefully, we can find more pieces of the past that can become part of our future.



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We will introduce you to an individual living in the community who might otherwise be unable to regularly attend medical appointments.

The goal of the program is to ensure that older adults are able to attend their appointments, that their concerns are being addressed, and to offer help interpreting and making use of their health information, helping them to continue live independently.

Advocates often form long term relationships with these individuals. For more information, call the SCES Volunteer Program Coordinator at 617-628-2601 x3214 or e-mail to vol@eldercare.org.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

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Elder Services

Somerville Housing Authority-Temporary Project Manager

The SHA is looking for a Temporary Project Manager to oversee the modernization of an apartment renovation project. This (9) month position will manage the modernization project, lead a team of trades people, maintain budget, coordinate resident relocation, and meet construction deadlines. Candidates should have project management experience and be familiar with public procurement regulations and procedures. Forward resume to Emily Horvath at emilyh@sha-web.org or mail to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Shoplifter wears out his Home Depot welcome

Police officers were dispatched to the Home Depot on Mystic Ave. on reports of a possible shoplifter in the store.

The Loss Prevention Officer notified the officers while en route that a man, later identified by police as Steven Garcia, of Boston, who had been previously trespassed for shoplifting was inside the store.

As the officers were making their way to the store, the Loss Prevention Officer updated them that he observed Garcia conceal multiple items inside his backpack.

Upon arrival, the officers spotted the Loss Prevention Officer and Garcia standing outside the store exit. The officers escorted Garcia back inside the Loss prevention Office.

A search of Garcia's person yielded no evidence, but a search of his backpack reportedly revealed that he had concealed two Dewalt drills, and two battery packs with a charging station.

The Loss Prevention Officer generated a receipt to reflect the amount of the stolen merchandise equaling \$478.00.

A query of Garcia through Somerville dispatch revealed that he had two active arrest warrants.

The officers learned from the Loss Prevention Officer that Garcia was trespassed from all Home Depot stores from an incident that occurred in Everett.

Garcia was subsequently placed under arrest on charges of larceny under \$1200 and trespassing, and on warrant charges of drug obtained by fraud, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, utter false prescription, and failure to stop or yield.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG			
Arrests:			
James Butler , of 306 Woburn St., Wilmington, April 23, 1:27 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, possession of a class B drug, motor vehicle operator giving false name or	address to a police officer, and failure to stop or yield, and on a warrant charge of possession of a class B drug.	Bill Hua , April 23, 4:16 p.m., arrested at Jaques St. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and evading a taxi fare.	tic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$1200.
James McKenna , of 31 Cheverus Rd., Dorchester, April 23, 2:30 p.m., arrested at Austin St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.		Diego Gonzalez , April 24, 10:46 a.m., arrested at Mys-	Daniel Percival , of 46 Marshall St., April 24, 12:11 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and identity fraud.
			Steven Garcia , of 131 Trem-
			ont St., Boston, April 25, 5:34 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of larceny under \$1200 and trespassing, and on warrant charges of drug obtained by fraud, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, utter false prescription, and failure to stop or yield.

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City encourages state legislature's efforts in fossil fuel divestment

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history and overview of the efforts in Somerville by Fossil Free Somerville and other groups and individuals to help make the divestment movement a success.

The full resolution reads as follows:

"WHEREAS: The Somerville City Council supports an Act Authorizing Independent Retirement Systems To Divest From Fossil Fuel companies; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts House Bill 3662/Senate Bill 636 seeks to allow all independent public retirement systems subject to oversight by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), which includes the Somerville Retirement System, to divest their holdings in full or in part from the fossil fuel industry; and

WHEREAS: H.3662/S.636 authorizes independent public retirement systems to exercise their fiduciary duty as defined by M.G.L. Chapter 32 Section 23(3), with respect to continued investment in the fossil fuel industry; and

WHEREAS: Such authorization is required by PERAC, per its letter to the Somerville Retirement Board (SRB) dated November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Attorney General Healey has opened an investigation of Exxon Mobil concerning potential violations of M.G.L. c. 93A, Section 2, arising both from Exxon's (1) marketing and/or sale of energy and other fossil fuel derived products, and (2) marketing and/or sale of securities, to investors and consumers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Attorney General Healy's investigation seeks information regarding whether Exxon misled investors with respect to the impact of fossil fuels on climate change, and climate change-driven risks to Exxon's business; and

WHEREAS: Energy was the second-worst performing sector in 2017 <http://ieefa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Divestment-from-Fossil-Fuels_The-Financial-Case_July-2018.pdf>, losing 4% when the S&P 500 overall gained more than 19%, and the worst performing sector in 2018 <<http://ieefa.org/ieefa-update-2018-ends-with-energy-sector-in-last-place-in-the-sp-500/>> with losses of 20 percent; and

WHEREAS: The coal industry, which has faced stiff competition from lower natural gas prices and increasingly competitive wind and solar generation, continued its secular decline in 2017, while large numbers of coal plant retirements occurred alongside declining generation from remaining units; and

WHEREAS: Somerville and communities throughout Massachusetts, including Amherst, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Concord, Falmouth, Framingham, Great Barrington, Lexington, Lowell, Newton, Northampton, Provincetown, Sudbury, and Truro, have passed resolutions in support of fossil fuel divestment; and

WHEREAS: Institutional investors across the globe, including the pension systems of New York City, London, and the sovereign wealth fund of Norway, have either divested or pledged to divest from the fossil fuel industry; and

WHEREAS: This Council, on February 7, 2018, approved a home rule petition calling on the Commonwealth to allow the SRB to divest from the fossil fuel industry and, on June 26, 2014, unanimously approved a resolution urging individuals, colleges and universities, foundations, and governments to divest their funds from publicly traded fossil fuel companies, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Somerville City Council strongly supports House Bill 3662/Senate Bill 636 and urges the Massachusetts Legislature to take action to pass this measure to enable independent public retirement systems to use their prudent judgment in regards to fossil fuel divestment; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Somerville's legislative delegation as well as to the chairs and vice-chairs of all legislative committees to which H.3662/S.636 is assigned, House Speaker DeLeo, Senate President Spilka and Governor Baker."

The resolution was unanimously approved by the City Council.

The full text of the House bill can be downloaded from <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/H3662.pdf>.

The full text of the Senate bill can be downloaded from <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/S636.pdf>.

Ground broken on renovations to Somerville’s West Branch Library

Elected officials and CTA Construction staff were joined by members of the Somerville community recently to break ground on a number of renovations and improvements to the 100-year-old library. The historic building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is classified as a Carnegie Library.

“The West Branch Library here in Somerville is an amazing historic institution and a vital public resource for residents and students in the area,” said Paul DuRoss, Principal at CTA Construction. “We’re excited and honored to be renovating this amazing space to make im-

provements and additions, which will significantly increase accessibility and create new and inviting spaces for visitors while maintaining the building’s unique historic character.”

During the renovation, CTA Construction will manage the modernization and updating of the storied building, allowing for better access as well as enhanced operations and programming. Among the new additions are new multipurpose and flex spaces to host library-sponsored programs, public meetings and other events. The renovation design also includes designated quiet reading and study areas,



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Beyond enhanced visitor spaces and public meeting rooms, the renovated West Branch library will see modernizing overhauls to its mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and computer networking systems, as well as a new elevator. On the exterior of the site, improved landscaping will create ample green and open space. A new accessible entryway will also provide easier and more convenient access.

These updates will allow the West Branch Library to increase programming opportunities for individuals of all ages and create a more visitor-friendly space.

Waltham-based CTA Construction has completed more than 65 high-quality municipal construction projects in the Commonwealth since it was founded in 2000, making the company one of the most experienced municipal builders in the state.

Teen Empowerment 13th Annual Peace Conference

On Saturday, May 11, more than 300 youth and adults are expected at the 13th Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference at the Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave., from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The conference, *The Lies We Live, The Truth We Tell: A Youth Perspective*, will feature original performances by Somerville teens based on their own lives, unique workshops, and services fair.

The conference, presented by the Center for Teen Empowerment, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Somerville Public Schools, and the City of Somerville, will examine healthy relationships, politics, substance abuse, the media and "fake news", tolerance, immigration, and other issues. Mayor Joseph Curtatone and other elected officials will join the mostly youth audience to listen to teens' stories and ideas.

Inspiration for the conference comes from Teen Empowerment Boston's annual Youth Peace Conference, which began in 1993 as a way to bring together Boston teens to help solve the epidemic of gang violence occurring at the time. That first conference produced a lasting truce among five rival gangs and set the stage for a dramatic improvement in the lives of thousands of youth.

The conference is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$6 and at the door. More than a dozen groups are partnering with Teen Empowerment and the city to make the event a success.

Beacon Hill Roll Call



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives’ and senators’ votes on roll calls from the week of April 22-26.

All House roll calls are on proposed amendments to the \$42.7 billion fiscal 2020 state budget that the House considered for four days last week.

A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE BUDGET “DEBATE”

Most of the decisions on which of the amendments are included and not included in the budget are made behind closed doors. Of the 1,369 budget amendments proposed, most of them are bundled into consolidated amendments.

This year there were nine consolidated amendments and all but two were approved unanimously and without real debate. Those two each received only one vote against them.

The system works as follows: Individual representatives file amendments on various topics. All members are then invited to “subject meetings” in Room 348 where they pitch their amendments to Democratic leaders who draft consolidated amendments that include some of the individual representatives’ amendments while excluding others.

The categories of consolidated amendments include education and local aid; veterans and social services; and housing and mental health.

Supporters of the system say that any representative who sponsored an excluded amendment can bring it to the floor and ask for an up or down vote on the amendment itself. They say this system has worked well for many years.

Opponents say that rarely, if ever, does a member bring his or her amendment to the floor for an up-or-down vote because that is not the way the game is played. It is an “expected tradition” that you accept the fate of your amendment as determined by Democratic leaders.

Opponents also say this archaic inside system takes power away from individual members and forces legislators to vote for or against a package of amendments. They argued that individual amendments should be considered on a one-by-one basis on the House floor.

\$42.7 BILLION FISCAL 2020 BUDGET

House 155-1, approved the House version of a \$42.7 billion fiscal 2020 state budget and sent it to the Senate. During four days of budget deliberations the House added close to \$72 million in spending.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility and not raising taxes.

Chief budget writer and Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) said that the budget was crafted out of members’ shared priorities and funds many important programs including housing, substance abuse and the environment. He noted that this is a budget of which all members can be proud.

“The state budget is a reflection of our values and the lack of a black or Latino member in leadership was apparent in the House budget,” said Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston), the lone vote against the budget. “Former Rep. Byron Rushing would not have stood for the New England Center for Arts & Technology and Teen Empowerment not being funded and neither will I.”

Holmes said the House missed the experience of former House Ways and Means chair Brian Dempsey who would have resisted and not have given in to [Speaker] DeLeo’s urges for “retaliation against” him by not fully funding Sportsman’s Tennis Club, No Books No Ball and the Lena Park Community Center. Holmes charged that Speaker DeLeo and Ways and Means chair Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) crossed a line, and in doing so, hurt his constituents.

“The speaker and Aaron padded their districts with earmarks for Winthrop and the North End on the backs of removing funds that provide services for poor African-Americans and Hispanics,” continued Holmes. “It is a racket and the racketeering is to support lobbyists, unions, fundraisers/donors and former legislators. Helping people has become a simply a byproduct of what occurs in the building.”

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Didn't Vote

LEGISLATORS’ SALARIES (H 3800)

House 5-152, rejected an amendment that would eliminate the current system under which some 100 of the 160 representatives are paid stipends in addition to their base \$66,256 base salary. These current stipends range from \$15,000 to \$80,000 for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees. The amendment would reduce the stipend for the Senate president and speaker from \$80,000 to \$50,000; Senate and House Ways and Means Chairs from \$65,000 to \$35,000; Senate and House Majority Leaders from \$60,000 to \$30,000; and House speaker Pro Tempore and Senate Pro Tempore from \$50,000 to \$25,000. All other 152 members of the House would receive a stipend of \$15,000.

The amendment also reduces the current annual general expense allowance for each legislator from \$15,000 to \$12,500 for members whose districts are within a 50-mile radius of the Statehouse and from \$20,000 to \$17,500 for districts located outside of that radius.

This allowance is used at the discretion of individual legislators to support a variety of costs including the renting of a district office, contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Legislators are issued a 1099 from the state and are required to report the allowance as income but are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend it.

Amendment supporters noted the proposal is based on the pay structure for the U.S. Congress where only a few positions have higher salaries and is designed to elimi-

nate the pay inequity for representatives.

“Every two years, representatives arrive as a group of peers to the Statehouse that are elected from across the commonwealth,” said the amendment’s sponsor Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston). “We arrive as equals. That equality, under the current system, evaporates quickly upon the election of the speaker. Unfortunately, the speaker uses the authority of the naming of committee assignments and selecting a leadership team to manipulate the members for his causes and to work against one another. The amendment’s goal is to level the playing field and begin to end that manipulation.”

Opponents said the speaker and representatives in the leadership and committee chairs have a much heavier work load and deserve a higher salary. They noted that the current pay structure is based on a 2014 report of a bipartisan special commission set up to review the compensation of the state government and its bodies. The salary was determined to be inadequate to attract people to this job. They noted some additional increases in the bonus pay were given by the Legislature in January 2017 when it overrode Gov. Baker’s veto of the hikes.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No

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 April 22-26, the House met for a total of 42 hours and two minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 18 minutes.

Mon. April 22	House 10:03 a.m. to 8:52 p.m. Senate 11:20 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Tues. April 23	House 10:01 a.m. to 8:06 p.m. No Senate session
Wed. April 24	House 10:03 a.m. to 9:39 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. April 25	House 11:04 a.m. to 8:36 p.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.
Fri. April 26	No House session No Senate session

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Bike Month kicks-off in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

people that bike lanes in Somerville are safe for travel. He says that safety is a big concern, so when people feel safe they are more willing to ride instead of drive.

U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass), who represents the 7th district of Massachusetts and is the Co-Chair of the Congressional Bike Caucus, spoke at the Kick-Off and detailed why a sustainable lifestyle is important. She knows just how important biking can be to a community and plans to fight to make the roads safer for bicyclists.

Even though Pressley is a big supporter of making bike travel as safe as possible, she doesn't ride a bike due to a knee injury. "I have chronic knee problems. I

was sent to Washington to kick butt, took it seriously, tore my MCL so my limbs are compromised but not my voice," said Pressley.

Pressley says that her work on making sure biking is a safe form of travel, is so important because having a sustainable way to help people travel, will help multiple areas in society improve. "I care about [biking because this is at the nucleus of the intersectionality of climate justice, of transit justice, of health justice. This is about fostering peace, building community, and sharing the roadways," said Pressley.

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone also spoke at the Kick-Off and highlighted how

well the Somerville community has reacted towards fighting climate change. "I am so proud and privileged to be the mayor of a community that gets it," said Curtatone. "We're leading the charge and setting the standard on taking on climate change and transit equity."

Curtatone says that while Somerville has made some great strides they are far from done and will keep pushing forward to help the city become as sustainable and environmentally-friendly as possible.

The Kick-Off was hosted at the Aeronaut Brewery Company. The SustainaVille week started on April 27 and will end on May 4.



Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Popcorn

Popcorn is one of those versatile snacks that doesn't have to be boring. There are many different choices out there when it comes to the type of popping corn to choose from, white, yellow, red, blue, heirloom, and so on. Once you chose the type of corn, you can decide what flavorings you want to add to the finished product. I prefer my popcorn with savory flare. In addition to the rosemary flavor, I have tried a mixture of chili powders and even za'atar seasonings.

In order to control the amount of fat used in the finished product I use an air popper.

I prefer extra virgin olive oil over butter to flavor my popcorn for this

particular recipe. I certainly hope you enjoy this as much as I do.

1/2 cup of yellow popcorn kernels, or corn of your choice (this will yield approximately 8 cups of popcorn)

3 tablespoons of your favorite extra virgin olive oil/or butter

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon of rosemary powder (Penzys Spices)

Using your air popper, pop the corn per manufacturer's instructions of your particular popper. Or use the stovetop method.

In a large bowl, add the popped corn, olive oil, salt and rosemary powder. Mix well and serve Serves 2, if you decide to share.

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Officials file federal lawsuit to block immigration arrests in courthouses

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), and the Chelsea Collaborative filed a groundbreaking lawsuit on Monday demanding an end to federal immigration enforcement in and around Massachusetts courthouses.

For the last two years, officers from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have frequented Massachusetts courthouses, surveilling, arresting and detaining immigrants. The degree to which these civil arrests are occurring in courthouses is unprecedented in American history and have severely undermined the administration of justice and access to judicial redress in the Commonwealth.

Entire communities now view the Massachusetts courts as places at which they simply cannot appear. Civil plaintiffs and criminal defendants cannot resolve their cases without risking detention and deportation. Witnesses do not appear in court out of fear of immigration arrest and deportation making legal pro-

ceedings and prosecutions more difficult. Victims of domestic violence seeking restraining orders against their abusers cannot access basic life-saving protections without exposing themselves to immigration enforcement. ICE's policy has effectively closed the courthouse door to immigrants and made us all unsafe in the process.

To combat this disruptive practice, representatives are joining together from all sides of the judicial system – including prosecutors and public defenders. The District Attorneys' Offices, public defenders, and community groups such as the Chelsea Collaborative have all borne the brunt of ICE's illegal and unconstitutional arrest policy – and are now uniting to stop it.

"ICE's using state courthouses as a forum to conduct their enforcement work has struck fear in many of our most vulnerable, keeping them from accessing our courts. That is not justice. It does not make our communities safer. What is clear to me is that in order to make meaningful and positive change, we all need to work together. This lawsuit represents the first time

that prosecutors, public defenders and advocates have filed a lawsuit with the goal of formally ending this practice. As our country wrestles with the complex problem of the state of the American immigration system, we cannot permit access to the courts of this Commonwealth by all of its residents to be detrimentally affected," said District Attorney Ryan.

"Our criminal justice system can only function properly when people feel safe coming to court. When victims, witnesses, and defendants fear that entering a courthouse could place them at risk of immigration consequences, it prevents us as prosecutors from securing justice for the people we serve," District Attorney Rollins said. "Initiating a federal civil deportation prior to a criminal defendant being held accountable for the harm they caused in Suffolk County does nothing to serve the interest of justice or public safety. Instead, it creates an environment of fear and mistrust, and harms our entire community."

"Federal ICE agents have been regularly stalking our state courthouses in communities

throughout Massachusetts for the last two years. When criminal defendants, witnesses and civil litigants are arrested by ICE before their cases are resolved or avoid the courthouses because of fear of ICE arrest, access to justice is denied for everyone," said Wendy Wayne, Director of the CPCS Immigration Impact Unit. CPCS, which is responsible for all indigent criminal defense in the Commonwealth, can no longer effectively represent their immigrant clients who fear ICE arrest or defend their clients when noncitizen witnesses refuse to come to court.

"This lawsuit provides a powerful blueprint for advocates across the country who want to protect access to the courts and to judicial redress," said Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal, Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights.

The lawsuit seeks a declaration from the court that ICE's policy and practice of arresting people while coming to, attending, or returning from court is illegal. The suit also asks the court to immediately enjoin ICE from conducting any more courthouse arrests.



Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan joined other regional officials in filing a lawsuit aimed at blocking immigration arrests in courthouses.

The District Attorneys and the Chelsea Collaborative are represented pro bono by Goodwin Procter LLP. The Chelsea Collaborative is also represented by Lawyers for Civil Rights. The CPCS Immigration Impact Unit is representing CPCS. For more information about this groundbreaking case, see the brief here.

OBITUARY

John (Jack) McCarthy



John (Jack) McCarthy died suddenly on April 24th 2019 at age 55. He was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Mary Jane (Kiley). Jack attended Saint Clement High School in Medford where he

played football and referred to himself as "Engine 88." He enlisted in the US Army and attended the Defense Language Institute in California where he studied Russian.

Jack worked as a technician for Verizon Communications for nearly two decades. He was a passionate sports fan, an avid reader, a brilliant wit, and a fierce Jeopardy contender. Those that knew Jack would describe him as a kind and gentle soul and a dedicated and loyal friend. His most important role, however, was that of a devoted and caring father to his son, Jake,

and daughter, Janie, who were an unending source of pride for him. He enthusiastically cheered them on in all of their endeavors, and they adored him. We all take comfort knowing that Jack is now happily reuniting with family and friends engaged in spirited conversation, telling tales, and laughing heartily.

In addition to his children, Jack leaves his siblings: Thomas McCarthy (Lynne), Ted McCarthy (Valerie), Mary Jane Rossi (Joe), Karen Hogan (Mike), Paul McCarthy (Andrea), Janice Delory (Leo), and Robert McCar-

thy. He was also a beloved uncle to his many nieces and nephews: Alex, Annie, Sarah, Tommy, Bobby, Ian, McCartney, Michael, Erin, and Scott. Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours at George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway in Somerville, on Monday, May 6th from 4:00PM – 8:00PM. Funeral services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jake & Janie McCarthy Educational Fund c/o Thomas J. McCarthy, Esq., 741 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144.

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COMMENTARY

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Moving beyond LED lightbulbs, we must step up on sustainability



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Right now, we're in the middle of SustainaVille Week – Somerville's weeklong Earth Day. Now in its third year, the week's activities focus on concrete actions we can take to reduce our carbon footprint and ways to make our city a greener place to live. Already this week we've planted trees, had an early celebration for the start of Bike Month in May, and toured homes where residents have made both big and small energy saving changes.

We try to have some fun with the events to get as many people as possible involved, but the driving purpose behind SustainaVille Week could not be more serious. Many of us can remember when the phrase "think globally and act locally" was in vogue.

As it turns out, our climate now depends on it. Our children and grandchildren stand to inherit a world full of trouble if we don't take action.

I understand how daunting it can feel to tackle a problem of this enormity and complexity. But it's up to us to make sure our small spot on the globe does its part and can show others how it's done. Fortunately, we have a guide to help get us there. Recently City staff and the Somerville Climate Forward working group released the Somerville Climate Forward Plan – it takes a look at where we are now and where we need to be to make an impact on climate change.

When I say "we" I mean both the residents of Somerville and our local government. On the City side, we've installed LED streetlights, set up electric vehicle charging stations, and swapped out old, oil-burning boilers. As a local government we've reduced our greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle fuel, electric, and heating. Our municipal buildings are approaching our goal of reducing our energy usage by 20%.

We pride ourselves in being a progressive community, and this is real progress. Yet this has been the easiest part of achieving carbon neutrality. We've picked most of the low-hanging fruit. The next steps are going to require us to make systematic changes in order to achieve greater energy efficiency. Beyond that, energy efficiency alone cannot reduce our load to zero. We need to look at major shifts in where our energy comes from, how we get around, and how much waste we produce.

We need to move toward net-zero buildings as we are planning for the new public safety building. We also must beef up our energy management skills to understand where we can make substantial gains and to recognize the difference between quick fixes and true sustainability.

We're about to go out to bid again for our citywide electricity contract. Our current agreement serves 94% of Somerville, providing both more clean energy and greater household savings. We will be looking to procure as much renewable en-

ergy as possible while staying cost neutral to Eversource prices. A big part of the Climate Forward Plan is making sure environmental justice includes economic justice. We can't raise rates oblivious to the reality that higher energy prices could cause serious financial stress to lower income households.

Climate action is a constant balancing act and it's important to recognize that none of this is going to be easy. Climate action intersects with every other issue our city faces: cost of living, education, transportation, public works, public safety, recreation. We may be in the middle of SustainaVille Week, but sustainability will touch upon everything we do every day, every week, every month, every year.

And I would be remiss not to mention a sustainability project many of us spent decades fighting for that is taking place right now. You may have noticed the Green Line Extension is in full swing. We have construction zone and bridge closures. It's nearly impossible to miss, and it serves as a reminder of the magnitude of the project.

Once it is completed, it will remove millions of vehicle trips from our local roads every year. That is massive in terms of environmental impact. When the GLX is completed, 85% of Somerville residents live within a half-mile of a T station (as opposed to our current 15%), and it will become easier to live here without a car. How we plan our city, what we build, and how we use our road space will enter a whole new era.

It's going to take big projects like the GLX and smaller changes like using less plastic in our day-to-day lives to get us to where we need to be. We can't tackle climate change alone, but

when we look back a couple of decades from now, we're going to see a Somerville that took sustainability seriously, and the magnitude of those changes is going to be something to behold.

There's a lot more planned for this week, and it all culminates with our Annual Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 4. If you're interested, you can find the full SustainaVille schedule of events at www.somervillema.gov/sustainavilleweek.

Gentrification in Somerville: The curse of the double and triple decker

By Alan Bingham

Historically a worker's town, Somerville is densely populated bordering Cambridge and Boston. Its location always meant higher than median land prices. The population in the late 19th and early 20th centuries included workers of many ethnic backgrounds, but heavily Irish and Italian.

The double-decker and triple-deckers were discrete housing units on top of each other and are stick built of wood for economy of construction.

Owned by a family, the older parents invariably living downstairs with a younger generation upstairs and sometimes a tenant on the third floor of the triple to help pay the mortgage. This made them affordable

and gave the city the benefit of multi-family and extended family culture.

Now the double and triple-deckers are the sought after, low hanging fruit by developers who want to flip them for a quick profit. Doing a gut and cheap renovation on these and then selling them as 'luxury' condominiums is a developers dream. They eas-

ily double their money and can do this without having to fulfill any affordable housing regulations. These so called 'luxury' condos are in the 1 million + range each.

The problem is that these buildings, once affordable are no longer in that class. The working and middle class families that had lived there cannot afford to buy back in. The end result is the

continuing attrition of affordable housing in the city.

Thus gentrification takes over and Somerville is destined to be a bedroom community for Boston. The population mix, the multi-generation extended families, the culture, the things that have made Somerville such a dynamic city are slowly being eroded. Such is the loss of a lot of affordable housing.

Somerville PorchFest set for May 11

Have you ever sat on your porch and overheard a neighbor strumming guitar on another porch? PorchFest takes this idea and multiplies it to create a city-wide event where neighbors share their love of playing and listening to music.

Somerville's PorchFest began in 2011 and has been growing rapidly ever since. This year more than 200 musical acts will be performing on porches – and sometimes spilling into front yards and gardens – across Somerville on Saturday, May 11.

Almost every genre of music you've heard of (and a few you probably haven't) will be played at this year's PorchFest including gypsy punk, cosmic Americana and killer blues, Afrobeat, acid folk, and American space rock. There's even Porch-ioke where passersby can step up and belt out a tune with a band backing them up.

This year performances will start in West Somerville and go east. Acts in West Somerville perform from noon to 2:00 p.m.; central Somerville bands, between Central and Willow streets, perform from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; and East Somerville musicians perform from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This staggered schedule allows music to sweep like a wave from west to east and festival goers can plan out their routes to hear as much music as possible. To see the current lineup and map go to www.somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest. Listen to music samples and plan out your day. Want to play PorchFest? Registration is still open until Thursday, May 9. Go to the website for more information and to register your act. For questions about the festival, contact Arts Council Director, Gregory Jenkins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2985.



COMMENTARY

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Somerville Open Studios has something of interest for everyone.

Our View Of The Times



One thing can be said for sure about our great city: there is no want for creative energy and enterprise.
Consider all the wonderful artists who will be participating in this weekend's Somerville Open Studios (SOS) event. Artisans and crafters of seemingly limitless disciplines and choice of media work and thrive right here among us humble, regular types who wouldn't know a palette knife from a chainsaw.
That's the nicest part of it. Events like SOS give all of us an opportunity to peek in and observe how these creative types work and live. Whether one is knowledgeable or a newbie, there always seems to be a welcoming spirit that prevails throughout the course of the event.
And it's not just about being a voyeur or casual observer either. There are also plenty of opportunities to "get one's hands dirty" while dabbling in a particular medium for the first time while taking part in an instructional demonstration.
And, of course, there is also the possibility of making a keen purchase and adding to one's treasure trove of original artwork.
SOS represents the city at its best in many ways. Sharp, creative minds opening up and reaching out to the community at large, while the people who make up that community reciprocate in kind, sharing their sense of appreciation for what these artists manage to accomplish.
Check out this year's event at <https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org>.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

East Somerville fun. Charlestown line to McGrath Hwy., is considered East Somerville, which includes Glen Park, Florence St. Park, Prescott School, Seven Son's Restaurant, Trina's on Washington, Steve's, Tip Top, S&S Subs on Cross Street, Avenue's, Broadway show, lower Broadway, Tufts St., Murray St. and Charles St.

What is going on with our City Hall? More than a few who work there and others are amazed at the way the building is beginning to deteriorate. With all the new vehicles being bought for the city, you'd think they would take care of it.

The Somerville High Scholarship annual fundraiser is set for May 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Somerville Lions Club, 9 Washington St., Somerville (behind the Holiday Inn). The drawing, with a top prize of \$10K, is based on selling 250 tickets at \$100 each. Several door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. To buy a ticket, contact SHS Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, PO Box 440275, Somerville, 02144, or call Eugene C. Brune at 617-628-5835.

We hear that the Master Developer for Union Square is having some serious reservations about getting things started. US2 can't get a shovel in the ground and development going on the D Blocks because the City Council isn't allowing the Somerville Redevelopment Authority to convey a parcel on land they need to build out commercial and residential development on the land adjacent to the T Stop in the Square. Also, because US2 can't develop the property the city loses out on tax revenues which would help residential taxpayers and linkage fees for the affordable housing trust fund.

We want to congratulate Irene Bremis on her new office at 120 College Ave. Irene and her associates will be having a grand opening May 9, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Irene is the Associate Broker at Ibremis RE. If you know Irene give her a call and congratulate her. Let her know if you're going to the grand opening, we are!

Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday this week to not just another nice guy, but one who works hard in his family restaurant, Brett Henry, of the famous Mt. Vernon Restaurant. We wish Brett a great birthday. Happy birthday to a Somerville newbie from Illinois, Justin David Sofia, who is a computer whiz and is continuing his education. Happy birthday to Linda Beebe, who is celebrating this week along with her daughter, Nicole Fletcher. Happy birthday to both. Happy birthday also to Anthony Frazer, who grew up in East Somerville and married an East Somerville lady, Karen Macleod. A big happy birthday to Mike Moccia of the Ball Square Caf  . We hope Mike has a great day for himself. To those that are celebrating this week, and we didn't post, again we wish you the best of birthdays.

Join the City of Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, and Comcast Cares for the annual Spring Cleanup, on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. All participants are invited to meet at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. before heading out to cleanup sites. Residents are invited to join Ward captains and city officials in each of the city's seven Wards to help prepare the city for the spring and summer by planting flowers, weeding open spaces, and otherwise cleaning our community following the long winter months. If you'd like to register for the cleanup ahead of time visit bit.ly/SomervilleCleanUp2019. Pre-registration is not required, however, if you have a group larger than five people it is very helpful to let us know you so we can make sure we have enough supplies for your team. Volunteers should meet Ward captains at 10:00 a.m. at the following locations: Ward 1, East Branch Library, 115 Broadway; Ward 2, South Street Farm, 138 South St., Quincy Street Open Space, 14 Quincy St., Art-Farm, 10 Poplar St., Argenziano School and playground, 290 Washington St.; Ward 3, Morse Kelley playground - Corner of Summer St. and Craigie St.; Ward 4, Blessing of the Bay Boat House, 32 Shore Dr., Steps at the Mystic Housing Development/Healey School; Ward 5, Community Path, Cedar St. entrance, 154 Cedar St.; Ward 6, Davis Sq., Statue Park (near JP Licks), 4 College Ave.; Ward 7, Dilboy Stadium, meet at tennis courts, 110 Alewife Brook Parkway.

The Somerville City Club manager Donny Johnson is looking all the time for new members to join the club, if you think you'd be interested give him a call at 617-623-9340. It's a great local club for the residents of Somerville, and has been around now for over 40 years, their location on Innerbelt Road. Plenty of parking and some say the best deal in Somerville. Call the hall and ask for details at 617-623-9340.

The last building down

Demolition took place over the past week on the last building to be cleared to make way for the future Green Line Extension station planned for the neighborhood.

The construction project is expected to continue for at least a year.



Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos Photos by Bobbie Toner

SPORTS

Hikers reach Prospect Hill Tower

By Judy Carlson

Shortly after sunrise on Friday, April 19, as predictions of rainy weather gave way to a pleasantly overcast, breezy day, some 60 Boy Scouts and adult leaders met to hike in the historic path-way of events of April 19, 1775. They planned to follow the Minutemen's Pursuit Trail, a National Historic Trail of the Boy Scouts of America that was created by the Spirit of Adventure Council and Concord Scout House. Though Somerville, which used to be part of Charlestown, offered more level terrain than the earlier hills of Concord and

Lincoln, it was here that the militia-hikers encountered the steepest section of the trail. The official end point of the 20-mile hike was the top of Prospect Hill Tower. To their surprise, victuals from Union Square Donuts awaited them at the base of the tower. Also warmly welcoming the Scouts was Somerville's own Lawrence Willwerth, representing a citizen of 1775 Charlestown. After explaining the historical significance of the site and sharing maps depicting Boston, Charlestown, and Somerville through the years, he took groups to the top of the tower which, thanks to the Town of



A group of 60 Boy Scouts hiked the Minutemen's Pursuit Trail to Prospect Hill Tower on April 19.

Somerville, was open for the occasion. Led by David Owen of Concord Scout House, the hikers Around sunset, with the Boston skyline in the background and the Grand Union Flag hoisted above the tired but proud Scouts, it was time once again to recognize the heroic actions of all those who inspired the creation of this hike. Next year, April 19 will be on a weekend, making it an opportunity for even more Scouts to better understand what happened that day in 1775.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. How many World Championship titles have the Boston Celtics won?

2. How many NBA Championships did John Havlicek win as a Celtic?

3. What is the oldest professional sports trophy in North America?

4. Who was the first female performer to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

5. What does the crocodile swallow in *Peter Pan*?

6. What hobbit does Elijah Wood play in the *Lord of*
- the Rings* film trilogy?

7. Where would you find the Hall of Mirrors?

8. What fruit is also called the Chinese gooseberry?

9. What are the five oceans of the world?

10. Hg is the chemical symbol of which element?

11. Which actress plays Katniss Everdeen in the *Hunger Games* movies?

12. What TV commercial features the song *Help* by The Beatles?

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Council Chambers** on the 2nd floor of **City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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

39 Tennyson Street (ZBA 2018-149): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Eddie and Dulce Giron, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to alter the roof with a rear gable and dormers and constructing decks in the right side yard. RB Zone. Ward 4.

96 Wheatland Street (ZBA 2018-175): Applicant / Owner, Xia Li, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a rear addition. RB Zone. Ward 4.

312 R Beacon Street (aka 25 Harris Street, Cambridge, MA) (ZBA 2019-31): Applicants / Owners, Robert Gillig and Christine Cuttitta, seek a Special Permit pursuant to conditions of a previous ZBA Decision (ZBA 2005-53) and under SZO §7.11.a.c, §4.4.1, and §9.13 for parking relief to make alterations to a nonconforming structure by constructing an addition and establishing a sixth residential unit on the site. RC Zone. Ward 2.

90 Morrison Avenue (ZBA 2019-35): Applicant, Cindy Siyuan He, and Owner, Siyuan He Trustee of 90 Morrison Realty Trust, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a dormer on the left side of the roof. RA Zone. Ward 6.

101 South Street (formerly 2 Earle Street A.K.A. MBL 97-B-26 sub-lot of 153 South Street) (ZBA 2019-43): Applicant & Owner, RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC, seek a Variance under SZO §5.5 to increase the building height to a 9-story commercial building and increase the FAR to 270,000sf of office/R&D uses, 13,500sf of arts-related uses, and 9,800sf of retail. Zone TOD-135. Ward 2.


39 Tennyson St: <http://eepurl.com/gpsY15>
96 Wheatland St: <http://eepurl.com/gpsZaP>
312 R Beacon St (aka 25 Harris St, Cambridge, MA): <http://eepurl.com/gnJKoX>
90 Morrison Ave: <http://eepurl.com/go-thT>
101 South Street: <http://eepurl.com/dNuifl>

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

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. **Continued cases will not be re-advertised.** Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director
As published in The Somerville Times on 5/1/19 & 5/8/19

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BID ADVERTISEMENT

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites e-bids from DCAM Certified Roofing Contractors for the Partial Roofing Replacement at the (200-2) Mystic River Apartments Development, 30 Memorial Road in Somerville, Massachusetts, DHCD No. 274125, in accordance with the documents prepared by CBI Consulting Inc. of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Project consists of: The replacement of all existing low-sloped modified bitumen roofing at precast concrete modular additions. The project will also consist of removal and replacement of all existing metal coping, counterflashing and sheet metal flashing.

The work is estimated to cost \$ **185,000.00, including Alternates.**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of **Roofing.**

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.**

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instruction on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer of the website).

General Bids will be received until **2:00 PM., Wednesday May 8, 2019** and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted on-line at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).


There is a plan deposit of \$ 50 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to **BidDocs ONLINE Inc.** Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. The deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon the return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise, the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), payable to **BidDocs ONLINE, Inc.,** to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.**

The site will be available for inspection at **10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.** Please meet at Mystic River Apartments, Facilities Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

Joseph Macaluso, Executive Director
April 24, 2019

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ADVERTISEMENT

The **Somerville** Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **Housing Type: Family 200-2** Development for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **Brown, Richardson + Rowe.**

The Project consists of: **The repair of a selection of areas of deteriorated concrete paving across the housing development. Concrete is replaced by stamped asphalt, standard asphalt, and concrete panel replacement.**

The work is estimated to cost \$ 99,895.87

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 §39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15 and publicly opened, forthwith.

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For E-Bid Tutorial and Instructions, download the **Supplemental Instructions To Bidders for Electronic Bid Projects from www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014.**

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.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available online and for purchase at for pick-up at www.Projectdog.com, **project code 831644.**

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to Projectdog, Inc.

Deposits must be a certified or cashier's check, or money order. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within ten (10) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.


Additional sets may be purchased for online at www.Projectdog.com. CD-ROMs are available upon request. \$ Amount

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$35.00 per set, payable to Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection between 2PM and 4PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

For an appointment call Anthony DiGiovanni at (617) 625-1152 x330, AnthonyD@sha-web.org.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP# 19-78

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

LEASE OF OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES

The RFP package may be obtained online at: <http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on or after: **Wednesday, April 24th, 2019.**

Sealed responses will be received at the above office until: Wednesday **May 29th, 2019 at 2:00 pm.**

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.


Subject to the approval of the City Council, the lease term shall be for an initial period of one (1) year with options to renew for four (4) additional years.

Please contact me with any questions at tchukhatsang@somerville-ma.gov.

Thupten Chukhatsang
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Planning Board** on **Thursday, May 16, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA** 3rd Floor Community Room.

114-120 Broadway: (PB 2019-13): Applicant and Owner, Goodfood Restaurant Group, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §5.2 of the SZO to replace a one-story building with a 5-story mixed-use building (+/- 4,000square feet ground floor retail and 39 residential units on floors 2-5). Inclusionary units provided under Article 13of the SZO and parking relief under article 9 of the SZO. CCD45. Ward 1.

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:40 p.m.** at the Visiting Nurse Association, 249 Lowell Street the regarding a proposal by Applicants: Broadway Investment LLC to demolish the c. 1884 Mansard houses at **152-154 Broadway** and **156-158 Broadway**; Peixinho Realty Trust to demolish the pre-1852 house at **430 McGrath Highway**; and WashDev2, LLC to demolish c. 1874 Mansard house at **7 Washington Street**.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant". Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved". For further information, please contact Commission Staff Kristi Chase at (617) 625-6600 x 2525 or Sarah White at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 or by e-mail at historic@somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 19-76

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

Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **05/16/2019 at 1:00 PM**, at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.


The contract term shall be from 07/01/2019 through 12/31/2020.

A 5% bid deposit is required. Prevailing wage applies to this procurement.

Please contact pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for further information.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP# 19-84

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

Fab Lab Manager

The RFP package may be obtained online at: <http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on or after: **Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**.

Sealed responses will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday May 22th, 2019 at 2:00 pm**.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please contact me with any questions at tcukhatsang@somervillema.gov.

Thupten Chukhatsang
Procurement Analyst
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COMMENTARY

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Locally sourced legislation



By State Senator
Patricia Jehlen

Many of the bills I file are based on local people's experiences and local needs. In November, Peter DeMarco wrote a moving and disturbing Globe Magazine account, Losing Laura, of his wife's death from an asthma attack while trying to get into the Somerville Hospital Emergency Department.

Cambridge Health Alliance has taken steps to remedy some of the flaws that led to that tragedy. Rep. Christine Barber and I have been working with Peter to try to prevent future incidents.

This bill [S956] requires the Department of Public Health to draft regulations about safe access to emergency departments, ensuring that entrances are monitored at all hours, signage is

clear, lighting is bright, and way-faring for patients is easily navigable. A working group would investigate other remedies, including the adequacy of fines for violations.

The legislation would be called "Laura's Law," in honor of Laura Levis, who lived with Peter in Somerville.

S956 is also based on the Losing Laura article. It would increase damages that could be awarded for cases that involve serious injury or death as a result of medical malpractice. Because of a hospital's failures after his birth, the Keene family's son, now 32, has the mental abilities of a 6-month-old, is a quadriplegic and blind.

The family can't sue for significant damages to cover some of their costs because of a \$100K liability cap for any actions against non-profit or public hospitals, which are most hospitals in Massachusetts. If serious injury or death occurs at a for profit hospital the cap on damages can be completely removed by a jury.

With the \$100,000 cap, it's almost impossible for a family



to recover any compensation for the loss or permanent disability of their loved one, due to the cost of litigation. This bill would increase damages that could be awarded for cases that involve serious injury or death as a result of medical malpractice and create equality under our state laws for those most victimized regardless of which hospital they choose.

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Answers

1. 17

2. 8

3. The Stanley Cup

4. Aretha Franklin

5. A clock

6. Frodo Baggins

7. Gallery of the Palace of

Versailles, France

8. Kiwifruit

9. Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic

10. Mercury

11. Jennifer Lawrence

12. Google's

Girls Leadership Development Summit

Cambridge YWCA is hosting Beyond All Limits: GOLD Summit, a girls' leadership conference on May 4, 10:00am-5:00pm.



The event is free and open to all students who identify as girls in grades 7-9 in Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston.

Visit <https://ywcacam.org/gold/> for more information and to register.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|May 1

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group
10:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.
Teen Game Day, Sustainaville Edition!
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|May 2

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

Friday|May 3

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

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

Saturday|May 4

Central Library
Second Annual Somerville Public Library Comix Con!
11a.m. – 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|May 6

Central Library
Sing Along with Jeremy
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|May 7

Somerville Community Baptist Church
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College Ave.

Wednesday|May 8

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

MUSIC/ARTS

Wednesday|May 1

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

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

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

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

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

Once Somerville
Ayla Nereo: By The Light Of The Dark Moon Tour 2019
Elijah Ray
7:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Open Mic with Mike Morrissey
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Thursday|May 2

Sally O’Brien’s
30 Years of On The Town With Mikey Dee Celebration Night
One - \$15 cover
6:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Wild Hum w/ Cosi & Leisure |7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road
Tall Boys with special guests Pineapple Jam, Gideon Grey, and Rawstrum
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Skeletonwitch
Soft Kill, Wiegedood, portrayal of guilt
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Brian Friedland Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
SOS Beyond the Pattern Fashion Show
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
WICF: Nerd Up Stand Up Comedy Showcase|7 p.m.
WICF: The Bechdel Cast Podcast|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm ST

Friday|May 3

Sally O’Brien’s
The Busted Jug Band|6 p.m.
30 Years of On The Town With Mikey Dee Celebration Night
One - \$10 cover|9pm
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi
Love Love, Russell Chudnofsky |7 p.m.
Brick Park| 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville
Earth Crisis
Drop Dead, Eco Strike, Kind!
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Your Chance to Dance: Soul City with special guest BASCP
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Union Tavern
The Bagboys and Sick Sad & Lonesome ft. Michael Bean
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

First Friday Flamenco with Flamenco Boston!
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
WICF: Just For Laughs Showcase|7 p.m.
WICF: Sundance Now Presents: Standup Comedy Showcase|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Sold Out! Stephen Malkmus w/ TBD
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 4

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin Band|6 p.m.
Carissa Johnson and the Cure-Alls, Justine and the Unclean, Tiger Bomb, RunHideFight - \$12 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
The Beantown Buckaroos CD Release (featuring 2-step dance lessons with Roger Weissat at 6:30 pm!)| 7p.m.
Killroy |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road
May the 4th Be With You: Mike Carter (of The Indobox) Band with special guests Learson Peak and Jules Jenssen’s Mad Midi
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Rick and Friends
10 a.m.|Café
Somerville Songwriter Sessions
6 p.m.|Cafel|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
HBO Pitch Your First 5 Pages Industry Panel|10:30 a.m.
Getting Your First Gig: Industry Panel|2 p.m.
WICF: HBO Presents 38.7% Showcase|7 p.m.
WICF: Just For Laughs Showcase|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|May 5

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

The Burren
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.
Noctambule/Lindsay Straw and Jordan Santiago: Two Duos |4 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
Americana Sundays with Sam Reid and the Riot Act
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Los Souper|6 p.m.
The Carleans (Duo)
Cinco de Flyo: Miss Eaves, Genie Santiago, VQnC, Naomi Westw ter|9 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Los Goutos with Sado-Domestics|12:30 p.m.
pindrop sessions season 2 finale: the senses of summer|7p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Janet’s Planet Student Recital|2 p.m.
Protest Choir Class|4:30 p.m.
Cafe Raqs|7:30 p.m.
Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
WICF: Headliner Christine Hurley
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday|May 6

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Scream Along With Billy: Once Again
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|May 7
Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Adult Mom, Gobbinjr, Long Neck Gobbinjr, Long Neck, Raavi & The Houseplants
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

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Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
Haley Richardson & Quinn Bachand with The Ruta Beggars|7:30 p.m.
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CLASSES AND GROUPS

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Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 2

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

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

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

Saturday|May 4

Central Library
Second Annual Somerville Public Library Comix Con!
11 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|May 5

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Unity Church of God
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|May 6

East Branch Library
Chair Yoga!
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Classes – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays – Ralph & Jenny Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Monthly Book Club Selections – Meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. April 19: “Soul of America” by Jon Meachem.

Country Western Line Dancing – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

A special Kentucky Derby lunch & gift – Friday, May 3. 11:00 a.m. at Holland Street. Bingo to follow on your own. \$5 per person. Limited seating and transportation. For more information, please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Castle Island – Monday, May 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Transportation provide – lunch is on your own. \$5 - If you have questions, need additional information or want to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mohegan Sun – Tuesday, May 14 – check in time 7:30 a.m. Holland Street and 8:00 a.m. Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. \$25 includes transportation and a bonus package which includes \$10 food coupon and a \$10 free bet. For additional information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

The Preakness – Thursday, May 16 – Sunday, May 19th – Baltimore, Maryland - \$719 / per person double \$969 / per person single. Includes motor coach transportation, deluxe accommodations, reserved seating concourse level for the Preakness Stakes and more. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot

please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Charge Up your Charlie Card – Tuesday, May 21 – Holland Street from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Time to preload money onto your Charlie Card. Join the Social Workers when they walk to Davis Square T stop where they will help you load money onto your Charlie Card and show you how to use your card to enter the gate. Please RSVP to Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Fiore’s Restaurant – Wednesday, May 22 - \$25 per person – check in time is 10:45 a.m. at Holland Street and 11:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Meal choices are Salmon, Lasagna or Chicken Parmesan. Question, need additional information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Happy Wedding Anniversary – Wednesday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Dilboy Post located at 371 Summer Street. Are you a married couple celebrating 50 years or more of marriage? Join us for a wonderful celebration. Couples celebrating 50 years or more are free! Friends and family are \$15 per person. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Revere Beach – Friday, June 7 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Transportation provide – lunch is on your own. \$5 - If you have questions, need additional information or want to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Atlantic City Boys – Wednesday, September 18 at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

LGBTQ Monthly Lunch – Wednesday, April 17 starting at 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This month’s meal is beef stew, corn, tossed salad and oat bread. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

ested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Somerville Open Studios 2019 –
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Begin your visit at the First Look Exhibit of participating SOS artists at the Somerville Museum at 1 Westwood Road. Map Guides are available at the museum and can be used to locate artists whose work interests you at the show. Map Guides are also available in artist-made map stands across the city. Free trolleys circulate the city Saturday and Sunday.

For event information go to <https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org>.

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By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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Podcasting 101 Workshop



Somerville Media Center is hosting another Podcasting Workshop! Audio-based programming known as podcasting has exploded in recent years as a way of communicating stories. Learn how you can create podcasts in this introductory course.

Taught by Boston Free Radio Station Manager and podcaster Heather McCormack, this class will review the difference between podcasting and broadcasting, explore different types of content and discuss how to curate an interesting podcast. Basic use of our podcasting recording set-up will be demonstrated. Students will be asked to record a podcast interview before the second class, which will then cover the use of Audacity (free downloadable software) and basic audio editing, including adding copyright-free music. The course will end with notes on regulation, distribution and syndication.

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 - Part 3: Learn how to market and distribute your podcast for the world to hear

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Dates: May 13, 20 and June 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75 for current SMC members, \$125 for non-members
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7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)			5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, May 3		6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
2:00pm	Science 360	9:00am	Esoteric Science	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	10:00am	NASA TV			7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
4:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, May 5		8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:30pm	Women2Women Today	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
6:30pm	Off the Shelf	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party		
7:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	Tuesday, May 7	
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board
9:00pm	Boston Come Through	4:00pm	Gay USA	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:30am	Esoteric Science
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
		6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
Thursday, May 2		7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	11:00am	Graphic Content
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	5:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)			6:00pm	The Grandstanders	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	Saturday, May 4		6:30pm	Teen Empowerment	4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	7:00pm	Cinema Somerville	5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:00am	Legacies	1:00am	Boston Come Through	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Community Lens
11:00am	Teen Empowerment	3:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	The Boston Medium	6:30pm	Art & Ideas
11:30am	Art & Ideas	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:00pm	Art Seen at SMC
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Road to Recovery			8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Monday, May 6		9:00pm	The Somerville Line
4:00pm	Hello Neighbor!	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	TUTV
4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	5:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	10:30pm	Public Access Boyz
5:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke	10:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
6:00pm	Community Lens	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in				

Wednesday, May 1	2:30pm	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony	10:00am	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott	1:45am	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout	6:00pm	11:00am	Greek Independence Day 2019	2:30am	Opioid Documentary Discussion Panel
9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol - April 2019	Friday, May 3	12:30pm	Tuskegee Airmen	8:00am	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"
9:30am	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony	12:00am	1:30pm	GLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5
10:00am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	12:30am	3:04pm	Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation	9:00am	Greek Independence Day 2019
11:00am	Opioid Documentary Discussion Panel	1:30am	6:00pm	CC-Land Use Meeting - 4.2.19	11:30am	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
12:00pm	The Week of the Young Child	2:30am	9:30pm	FY20 Proposed Sewer & Water Rates	1:00pm	GLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19
12:30pm	FY20 Proposed Sewer & Water Rates	8:00am	10:12pm	SomerViva en Espanol - April 2019	2:34pm	SomerViva en Espanol - April 2019
1:12pm	Talking Business "Bow Market"	8:30am	10:40pm	Talking Business "Bow Market"	3:02pm	FY20 Proposed Sewer & Water Rates
1:33pm	City Council Meeting w/ School Committee	9:00am	11:00pm	CC-Traffic & Parking Public Hearing	6:30pm	CC-Land Use Committee
2:42pm	SomerViva em Português	9:20am	Sunday, May 5		10:30pm	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen
3:11pm	SomerViva en Espanol - April 2019	9:30am	2:30am	Opioid Documentary Discussion Panel	Tuesday, May 7	
6:00pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	11:30am	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	12:00am	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott
7:13pm	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony	1:00pm	9:00am	Community Preservation Plan Public Hearing	12:30am	Opioid Documentary Discussion Panel
7:30pm	The Week of the Young Child	6:00pm	11:30am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	1:30am	Greek Independence Day 2019
8:00pm	City Council Meeting - 4.25.19	7:00pm	12:01pm	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"	3:00am	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony
Thursday, May 2		8:08pm	12:30pm	FY20 Proposed Sewer & Water Rates	9:00am	White Nationalism Community Response
12:00am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	8:30pm	1:13pm	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony	10:00am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen
12:31am	CC-Land Use Committee of the Whole	9:30pm	1:30pm	Tuskegee Airmen	11:30am	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony
8:00am	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"	10:00pm	2:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol - April 2019	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"
8:30am	The Week of the Young Child	10:30pm	3:00pm	The Week of the Young Child	12:30pm	CC-Land Use Committee
9:00am	Opioid Documentary Discussion Panel	11:00pm	6:00pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	6:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol
10:00am	FY20 Proposed Sewer & Water Rates	Saturday, May 4	6:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol - April 2019	7:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"
11:30am	SomerViva en Espanol - April 2019	12:00am	7:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"	7:30pm	White Nationalism Community Response
12:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"	8:30am	7:30pm	Vision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19	8:30pm	Community Preservation Plan Public Hearing
12:30pm	City Council Meeting - 4.25.19	9:00am	9:03pm	FY20 Proposed Sewer & Water Rates	10:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
3:00pm	SomerViva em Português	9:30am	9:45pm	CC-Land Use Committee	11:00pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

Wednesday, May 1		2:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School	5:00pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	7:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	9:00pm	MIAA Qtrfinal -SHS Boys Soccer vs E. Boston	6:30pm	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	2:00pm	MIAA Qtrfinal -SHS Boys Soccer vs E. Boston
10:00am	SHS Spring Concert	10:30pm	Boys' Middle School Soccer Championship	8:00pm	SHS Spring Concert	3:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
11:30am	Student of the Qtr - WHCS	Friday, May 3		9:30pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	4:00pm	String Camp Final Concert
12:00pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	12:00am	String Camp Final Concert	10:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	5:00pm	Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert
12:30pm	Celebration of Young Children	1:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club	Sunday, May 5		5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations
1:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	9:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica	12:00am	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	6:00pm	Music Around the World Concert
2:00pm	Kennedy School Spring Concert	10:35am	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	12:30am	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	7:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19
3:00pm	Sports Concussion Management Training	11:00am	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	1:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club	7:30pm	Student of the Qtr - WHCS
5:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	11:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	8:00pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19
6:00pm	SHS Spring Concert	12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody	9:00am	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
7:30pm	Student of the Qtr - WHCS	1:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford	9:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	9:00pm	MIAA Qtrfinal -SHS Boys Soccer vs E. Boston
8:00pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	3:00pm	Somerville Learning 2030 Presentation	10:00am	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	Tuesday, May 7	
8:30pm	Celebration of Young Children	4:05pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica	10:30am	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	12:00am	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19
9:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	6:00pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	12:00pm	SHS Spring Concert	12:30am	Celebration of Young Children
10:00pm	Kennedy School Spring Concert	6:30pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	1:30pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	1:00am	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19
11:00pm	Sports Concussion Management Training	7:00pm	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	2:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	1:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations
Thursday, May 2		8:05pm	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	3:30pm	Raising Families - Vaping	2:00am	Public Domain Theater
12:30am	SHS Spring Concert	9:00pm	SHS Spring Concert	4:00pm	El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música	9:00am	Celebration of Young Children
2:00am	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	10:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School	4:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Brown School	9:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations
9:00am	String Camp Final Concert	Saturday, May 4		5:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	10:00am	SHS Spring Concert
10:00am	Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert	12:00am	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	12:00pm	National Honor Society Ceremony
10:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	12:30am	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	6:00pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	1:05pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19
11:00am	Music Around the World Concert	1:00am	Public Domain Theater	6:30pm	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	1:30pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19
12:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	9:00am	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	8:00pm	SHS Spring Concert	2:00pm	Boys' Middle School Soccer Championship
12:30pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	9:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	9:30pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	3:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
1:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert	10:00am	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	10:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	3:45pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
2:00pm	MIAA Qtrfinal -SHS Boys Soccer vs E. Boston	10:30am	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	Monday, May 6		5:00pm	Celebration of Young Children
3:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School	12:00pm	SHS Spring Concert	12:00am	MIAA Semifinal: SHS Basketball vs N. Andover	5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations
4:30pm	String Camp Final Concert	1:30pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	1:30am	MIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin	6:00pm	SHS Spring Concert
5:00pm	Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert	2:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	9:00am	String Camp Final Concert	7:15pm	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	3:30pm	Raising Families - Vaping	10:00am	Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert	8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
6:00pm	Music Around the World Concert	4:00pm	El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música	10:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	8:45pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
7:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	4:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - Brown School	11:00am	Music Around the World Concert	9:30pm	Kennedy School Drama Club
7:30pm	Student of the Qtr - WHCS	5:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	12:00pm	SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19	11:00pm	El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música
8:00pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Strong Foundations	12:30pm	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19	12:00am	SHS Spring Concert



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Review of 'The Patient'

A play by Lawrence Kessenich and Doug Holder

The Patient
Adapted by Lawrence Kessenich from a short story by Doug Holder

Staged reading presented by the Playwrights' Platform

Reviewed by playwright, Mary M. McCullough



The Patient, a play adapted by Lawrence Kessenich from a short story by Doug Holder, has three characters. LEON, a mental health generalist, as he refers to himself, sleeps days in his boarding house room. He is getting a graduate degree in American Literature, while working nights in a mental hospital. His work entails sitting by the bedside of a drugged and bound PATIENT. Other than speaking directly to the audience, his only interactions are with the patient and an overly friendly NURSE who attempts to engage Leon in her social life, outside the hospital. The play raises questions about sanity. When the patient wakes to confront Leon, the patient's questions and analysis of Leon life threatens Leon's fragile sense of himself. Leon tells him to go back to sleep but who is really asleep? The patient is more alive and more ratio-

nal than Leon, asserting that Leon can choose to live differently. He also tells Leon that his boarding house room is a "suicide suite." Leon, in a beautifully written, poetic monologue, early in the play, confirms he is "dreaming of remote possibilities that are actual dead ends." Is Leon a suicide candidate? The play leaves one thinking that Leon and the patient are opposite sides of the same coin; and that the coin is about to be flipped. The play is well written and very intriguing.



Somerville resident Mary McCullough is a founder of The Streetfeet Women (<http://www.streetfeetwomen.org>) and an accomplished playwright, performer and writer.

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"I grew up in the Merrimack Valley with my parents hailing from the Cambridge/Somerville border, Camp St. off Mass Ave. to be exact. I spent my childhoods walking around Davis Sq. with my grandparents. After I graduated from Holy Cross in 2005 I moved to NYC and have lived there ever since; but I am always beckoned back home in both mind and heart."



Arthur Avenue

One foot in both worlds
is how I prefer to live ---
born of one place,
never to inhibit its lead;
left foot anchored so the right can pivot,
carve out its own unique marble dreams.
We all land rooted in hopes
not unsung before.
They ooze out from aromas...
I can taste the fresh, herbal song
the coal fired pizzas
our grandmother graced us with
on Sunday afternoons after church
in Davis Sq.
Eye level trays
anchored on checkered tables,
fables of manners, parables,
America the uncanny, the beautiful,
the work ethic, the geese bled in bathtubs
and other such things endured
on the immigrant killing fields.
Oh and napkins, lest we forget the napkins...
Never wipe grease
on a shirt your mother's pressed and creased!

Now I've arrived here holding
greasy handrails on bus
routes she never knew...
still my forehead rests on a lamppost
emitting the same shattered light
simultaneously overlooking
the Somerville streets where my grandfather
sold door locks
and carried ice skates across
the bombardier's front lawn
then down matchstick paths
over semi-frozen ponds.

Perhaps one day some kid
holding our blood and lead
will emerge ---
a vaguely parallel way,
eagle-eyed and eager
to hand a Lemon Ice to his cousin,
as oblivious and carefree
as a stray napkin
kicking its way down
a busy side street;
whose mysterious geometry
aligns on every plane but time's...
arrives, feints its doomed climb
up a vibrant city muralside
where painted pride
colors a prewar building
on a hot summer night after a ballgame.

Oftentimes,
when you stand at a crossroads...
it's not so much your location
...as where you're at.

— Jason Youngclaus

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Open studios in Medford

Somerville residents visited West Medford Open Studios last weekend. Every year since 2000, WMOS enlivens the neighborhood by inviting the public to view artists' work and encouraging a dialogue between the artists, curious neighbors and the broader public. Pictured here is the work of Angeline Tummino, who enjoys painting as a hobby during her spare time. In honor of her father, she signs all of her paintings with her maiden name, Flores. You can check out her work via her Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/angelineflores.arts>.

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