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Registration and regulation of short term rentals such as Airbnb units is being recommended by the City Council's Legislative Matters Committee.

By Jim Clark

A final draft of an ordinance that would require the registration of short term rental properties was submitted to the City Council's Legislative Matters Committee by the City Solicitor at the Committee's latest meeting on May 16, 2019.

The ordinance, which focuses largely on Airbnb-type short term rentals (STRs), has been a work in progress since late last year. Following several meetings between the Committee and the City Solicitor's office, the final draft was delivered to the Committee and is scheduled to be recommended to the full City Council.

The targeted date for implementation of the ordinance has been tentatively set for January 1, 2020, pending approval of the full Council.

Significant features of the ordinance include: Specific requirements for the operation of STRs, such as registration

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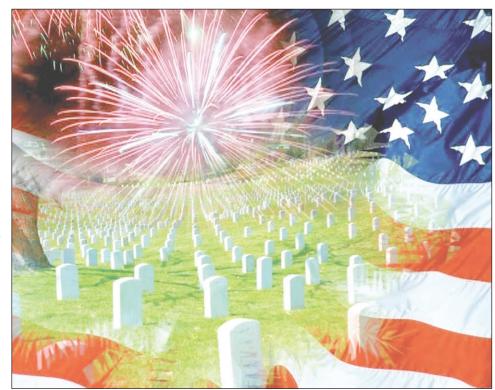
Somerville to honor our fallen heroes with new memorial

This Memorial Day will see a new event to honor the service and heroism of those service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country on Monday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., at Sylvester Baxter State Park at Assembly Row.

"Memorial on the Mystic" will feature an outdoor musical tribute presented by the Metropolitan Wind Symphony, N'Harmony, and the Somerville High School Chorus followed by a spectacular fireworks tribute as the evening's finale.

Hosted and emceed by Commissioner of Veterans' Services Bryan Bishop and Greater Somerville's Joe Lynch, this one-hour performance hopes to bring awareness to the true meaning of Memorial Day.

"Every day, we each enjoy freedoms that our service members gave their lives fighting to preserve. I encourage everyone to join us as we pause to gather as a community to pay tribute to their service, honor their Continued on page 17



A special Memorial Day event, Memorial on the Mystic, will feature music and a fireworks display taking place 7:30 p.m., at Sylvester Baxter State Park, Assembly Row.

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We here at The Somerville Times wish everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend. Here's looking forward to a fun summer season ahead.

Less than a month away, it's the Third East Somerville Reunion, set for Saturday, June 15, at the Somerville City Club, across from Holiday Inn on Innerbelt Road. Thanks to hard work and efforts put into this by Dan Rogovich and his small but dedicated bunch of helpers, it should be a great one once again for one and all. The last time was two years ago and well over 100 to 150 attendees showed up from all over the state and across the country. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to have a third. Some of us here at *The Somerville Times* are from East Somerville we will be there and 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 East Somerville fun.

******** Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to one of Somerville's all-knowing political pundits, Mr. Feargal O'Toole. A great guy, we wish him the very best on this his birthday. Happy birthday to an old friend to everyone here in Somerville from East to Winter Hill and beyond, Vinny (Clue) Vicente. What a Somerville institution he is. Happy birthday to local Winter Hill resident Brian Roche, who is one of Boston's top chefs. Happy birthday to Jim D'Amico of the **C21 North East** offices, soon to be 50. We wish Jim a happy birthday. Happy birthday to Scott Diamond, who grew up in West Somerville. A nice guy, we hope he has a great birthday as well. To those that are celebrating this week, and we didn't post, again we wish you the best of birthdays.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City considers banning use of facial recognition technology

Old Taxpayer says:

I may not care for it but finding criminals before they commit another crime would be a blessing. Why would anyone want to stop it?

Gaspar Fomento says:

Seriously? The entire article describes why we should want to stop it and what you walk away with is "Uhhhh...but if it stops criminals..."

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And we wonder why the country is in the state it's in.

BMac says:

You would basically have to stop police from filming or photographing anyone, ever, for this to really be true.

Any photo can be sent to the state police and run against your RMV photo.

Once any image is uploaded it can be run through Google or Facebook to find matches.

Not using facial rec as an upfront screening method does nothing to prevent use on the back end. Which is even less regulated.

If you have a state issued ID, you have already been subject to facial rec and it is already being shared with other law enforcement agencies.

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Mmmmm...no. Different thing altogether, and you know it. Way too invasive, Big Brother stuff. They'll never get it here as long as we have responsible officials like these looking out for us.

Philip says:

Since Ewen-Campen just had to turn the discussion into an identity politics conversation, like most self-proclaimed "progressives" do, I support the technology.

BMac says:

And at best, second in the country. SF already passed one.

DatGruntled says:

Why I love people who say we need laws more like England's.

Fined for protesting having image taken by facial recognition system.

https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/facial-recognition-cameras-technology-london-trial-met-police-face-cover-man-fined-a8756936.html?utm_source=reddit.com

Jim G. says:

identity politics"? If I didn't know you were actually serious I'd say that's a pretty good pun. Since you clearly are serious, it means you're the joke. Hilarity ensues.

Vanta Black says:

Leave it to the Republitards to get every and anything you wave at them completely ass-backwards wrong. No wonder indeed.

Rachel Klein says:

Oh Hell no. This thing will be nothing but trouble. Not here baby.

DatGruntled says:

https://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/security/a27493840/police-abusing-facial-recognition-tech/

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

The Buggy



The songs Happy Together, Something Stupid, and Groovin' were playing on our transistor radios as we listened to WRKO AM.

It was the summer of 1967 and four Somerville kids ages 11-14 were excited to have been on furlough from the local adolescent detention center. Actually, we were on summer vacation from St. Clements Parochial School.

The Three Vigneau brothers, Stevie, Charlie and Andre, and me decided to build a buggy. We started with a long thick plank for the body, and went searching for wheels. The shopping carts from Stop 'N Shop had two small wheels in the front and two larger ones in the back. We needed four large rear wheels. That meant we needed to commandeer two shopping carts and get them over to my yard on Hall Ave.

The four of us visited the alley next to the Davis Square Stop'N Shop and "borrowed" two shopping carts. We brought the carts to my backyard and removed the four wheel that we needed.

We were so proud of our buggy. We nicknamed it "The Munster Mobile."

We had big plans for our buggy. We gathered all the parts and started assembling it. Mr. Vigneau was a carpenter so his garage had all the hammers, saws, nails and screws we needed. I believe we purchased the axles at Tags in Porter Square. We sawed the legs off one of our old kitchen chairs for the back seat.

The wheels, and seat were attached, and our buggy was starting to take shape. We hooked up a rope to the front wheels for steering. That's when our project really took off.

The friendly man across the street, Lou Simoneau, came into our yard to check out the banging. He immediately



shared some suggestions on how to spruce up our buggy. Next thing you know, we had a working steering mechanism complete with a car steering wheel! He also gave us a piece of leopard print fabric and showed us how to make a functioning canopy for the back seat. The final touch was part of an old lamp we used as a hood ornament. Cool!

Mr. Simoneau took the time

to help us kids make our buggy something special. He was a very soft spoken and patient man who had time for four rambunctious kids on a hot summer day.

We were so proud of our buggy. We nicknamed it "The Munster Mobile."

Yes, that summer of 1967 was special, as the small plastic transistor radio blared the hits while we built our buggy. We

were Happy Together working on our buggy. We did Something Stupid by stealing shopping carts for wheels, but in our slick, two-seater, leopard canopied buggy with a steering wheel and a brass hood ornament, we were sure Groovin'!

Too bad we forgot to put brakes on our buggy. It met its demise at the bottom of "Oscar's Hill." Rest in peace "The Munster Mobile."



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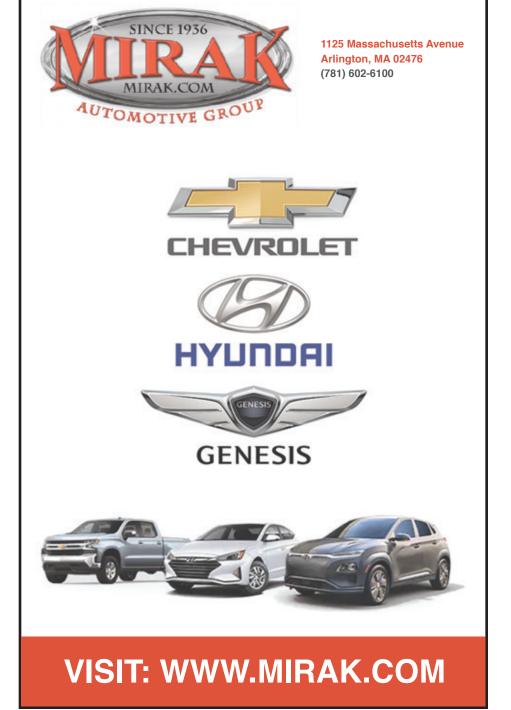
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By Jim Clark

An aggravating issue at the liquor store

Police officers were dispatched to Bairos Liquor store on Broadway last week on reports of a man who having punched someone in the face.

A police officer arriving on the scene spotted the suspect, later identified as Noe Hernandez, walking westward on Broadway, shouting in Spanish.

The officer was flagged down by a man who was following Hernandez. The man pointed at Hernandez, and shouted, "That guy is running around punching people!"

With the cruiser's blue lights activated, the officer pulled up to Hernandez at the corner of Broadway and Franklin Street, where he ordered him to stop.

Hernandez reportedly aggres-

sively approached the officer while shouting something in Spanish. The officer observed a laceration that was bleeding on Hernandez's face.

The officer reportedly ordered Hernandez multiple times to stop, and held his hand out, palm away, indicating that he wanted him to stop.

According to reports, Hernandez continued to approach the officer, who eventually grabbed Hernandez's arm in an attempt to control him, but he broke away from the officer's grip, and moved away from him.

At this point, another officer arrived on scene, as Hernandez assumed a fighting stance and rushed at the first arriving officer again. The officer sprayed Hernandez in the face with pepper spray and he fell to his knees, and the two officers moved in to handcuff him.

Hernandez reportedly struggled physically with the officers and attempted to pull his arms away, but he was eventually wrestled to the ground.

As soon as Hernandez made contact with the sidewalk, the officers heard the sound of something metallic hitting against the concrete. A disposable razor blade was spotted lying on the sidewalk, about six inches from Hernandez, police said.

Based on Hernandez's stance, and the way his hands were clenched, the officers believed the razor blade fell from his hand when he made contact with the ground.

After a brief struggle, the officers were able to place Hernandez in handcuffs and they called in for EMS to come and evaluate him.

A witness reportedly told police that he had observed Hernandez strike a Bairos store employee by punching him in the face. Hernandez had then allegedly pushed the witness, who did not wish to press charges or be involved in any criminal proceedings.

The officers then questioned the victim, who reportedly told them that he had an issue with Hernandez earlier in the week because he would not sell him liquor. The victim said that on this occasion Hernandez had pulled his hair.

On this day, the victim was outside the store talking to a friend of his when Hernandez allegedly approached the victim and sucker punched him on the left side of his face.

The officers observed a small laceration on the victim's left temple, and what appeared to be some swelling.

Hernandez was evaluated by EMS personnel, but refused any medical treatment at the scene. He was then transported back to the station in the prisoner transport unit and booked on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

EMS was then called to the station and Hernandez was transported to Somerville Hospital for treatment.

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Arrests:

Shannon McKim, of 5 Lincoln St., May 15, 7:07 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of miscellaneous

statutory violation.

Noe Hernandez, of 90A Flint St., May 15, 8:04 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Jacob Burley, May 16, 9:46 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of miscellaneous equipment violation, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, un-

registered motor vehicle, no inspection sticker, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Shankar Baruwal, of 4 Old Colony Way, Arlington, May 18, 8:09 p.m., arrested at Carter Terrace on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, unregistered motor vehicle, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Short term rental ordinance set for recommendation to City Council

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with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) prior to operation.

The ordinance further specifies that an operator may offer a limited share unit as a STR 365 days per year. The rental is limited to ten guests, or two guests per bedroom, whichever is fewer. Additionally, one bedroom in the unit is to be reserved for, and occupied by, the operator during the entire term of the rental. The unit is to be rented to only one party of short-term renters at a time, not rented as separate bedrooms to separate parties.

In the case of a short-term rental of a home share unit, the rental will be limited to ten guests, or two guests per bedroom, whichever is fewer. The rental will not exceed 90 consecutive or nonconsecutive calendar days per year. Such a unit is to be rented to one party of short-term renters at a time, not rented as separate bedrooms to separate parties.

With short-term rentals of an owner-adjacent unit, an operator may offer his or her unit as a STR 365 days per year. Such a

unit is to be rented to one party of short-term renters at a time, not rented as separate bedrooms to separate parties. Occupancy will be limited to ten guests, or two guests per bedroom, whichever is fewer.

According to the proposed ordinance, an operator must certify at the time of registration that he or she has the following permissions to offer his or her residential unit as a STR:

The operator is the owner of the residential unit offered as a STR or the operator is a tenant of the residential unit offered as a STR and has obtained the written consent of the residential unit's owner to offer the unit as a STR, and offering such a rental complies with all applicable leases and/or condominium documents, bylaws, or other governing documents.

Under the provisions of the ordinance, renting for an hourly rate, or for rental durations of fewer than ten consecutive hours will not be permitted. Commercial meetings and uses are prohibited in STRs.

Additionally, when registering,

the operator must provide his or her name and contact information, and, in the event the operator is not present during the period of said short-term rental, the name and contact information of an individual who is able to respond in person to any issues or emergencies that arise during the short-term rental within two hours of being notified.

Contact information must include a telephone number that is active 24 hours per day to tenants, STR occupants, and public safety agencies. This phone number is to be included in the registration of the STR unit at the time of registration.

Also, the residential unit offered as a STR is not to be subject to any outstanding building, sanitary, zoning, or fire code violations, orders of abatement, or stop work orders, or other requirements, laws, or regulations that prohibit the operator from offering the Residential Unit as a STR.

If a violation or other order is issued after the registration of the STR, upon notice of the vio-

lation or order the Director will suspend the residential unit's registration until the violation has been cured or otherwise resolved.

Operators are required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and codes, including but not limited to the Fair Housing Act and related local equivalents and regulations, and all other regulations applicable to residential dwellings.

In addition, the operator is to retain and make available to ISD, upon written request, records to demonstrate their compliance, including but not limited to records demonstrating the number of months that the operator has resided or will reside in the residential unit, if applicable, as well as records showing consent of the owner of the residential unit to the unit's use as a STR, if applicable, and records demonstrating the number of days per year that the residential unit is offered as a STR.

STR operators are also required to maintain liability insurance appropriate to cover the

STR use.

The operator is required to include the registration number issued by ISD on any listing offering the residential unit as a STR.

The operator is also required to post a sign on the inside of the STR in a manner to be determined by the ISD, listing the following information:

1. Instructions for the disposal of waste per the city's recycling and trash programs.

2. The local noise, trash and parking ordinances of the city.

3. The certificate of registration for the STR.

4. Contact information for the operator, or when the operator is not present, the contact information for a locally available contact designated to respond to all emergencies and problems that may arise during the rental period.

The full text of the draft ordinance is available online via the Committee meeting Webcast at http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&Meetin-gID=2928&Format=Agenda#

Up close: An inspirational Somerville urban garden

By Denise Keniston

John Hallam and Terri Swartzel consider themselves amateurs on Somerville's flourishing home gardening scene. They relish the challenge of growing crisp, colorful vegetables and bright, bouncy flowers in an urban environment set against the backdrop of New England's often inhospitable growing conditions.

Ten years of trial and error and they've learned a few things first: a great garden starts with good water. Last year, they installed an underground, low-tech rainwater harvesting system that holds 2000 gallons of water collected from two roof gutters, enough water for their backyard garden.

Trevor Smith, President of Land Escapes Design, designed the system. "The rainwater comes from the downspouts and into a catch basin with [what looks like] big milk crates that filter out large debris like leaves and twigs," he says. "There's a mesh bag on the inside which filters out fine debris, such as dust and grit and pollen and flows into the cistern holding 2000 gallons of cleaned rainwater. The pump draws up the water for garden irrigation."

John and Teri planted dozens of seedlings in their cellar back in January and February. They purchased the best seeds possible and, using containers like recycled food and drink containers,

boxes, and jars, put seeds in the soil and watched them grow.

After the starters grew to an inch or more Teri and John carried them out to the raised beds and under Teri's makeshift cold frames. "Getting a jump on things is important because the New England growing season is short and you extend your growing season with starters," says Teri. "This year we brought some starters out to the raised bed area and had to bring them back in at night because the temperatures starting dropping a lot. We had to wait to put them in the ground."

Makeshift cold frames are the intermediary step between starters and direct planting. John uses salvaged pieces of wood for a box and then covers it with plastic to capture heat and diffuse direct sunlight. They are situated on the corners of the raised beds where eventually the starters will be planted directly into the ground. "Cold frames are the gardener's best friend! If you don't want to splash out lots of money buying one," says John. "Ours isn't expensive or elaborate but they get the job done, which is a place to transition your starters before putting them in the ground."

Teri and John have a mixture of vegetables, flowers, and trees. Their raised beds are seeded with beans, peas, lettuce, tomatoes and more. A makeshift cold frame is a starter for seedlings nearly ready to be planted directly into the ground. "We



John Hallam and Terri Swartzel's backyard urban garden incorporates state-of-the-art techniques and whole lot of effort on the part of the gardeners. More photos on page 12.

have four raised beds this year for our vegetable garden. Every year we rotate crops to maintain the health of the soil," says John, "You also keep track from year to year what works well and what doesn't and then you try new things. For example, plant vegetables that grow well together, like tomatoes and basil. Perfect!"

For beginners, John and Teri have a list of "no fail" vegetable plants that will get you started your first couple of years. "Tomatoes, asparagus, peas, beans, and peppers are fairly easy to grow," says Teri. "Although tomatoes and peas need fertilizer and good soil and water."

John is British and as such has a pas-

sion for roses. But, they can be finicky and difficult to grown. "We had a severe winter a couple of years ago and many of my roses never recovered," says John. "I've had to prune back several of them in hopes they will bounce back. I'll just have to wait and see."

John and Teri are members of the Somerville Gardening Club where they get much of their information and information. The SGC meets the second Wednesday of every month. They can be reached at Somerville Garden Club, P.O. Box 441895 W. Somerville, MA 02144 or membership@somervillegardenclub.org.



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Public meeting to discuss construction on Somerville Ave.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, and Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen invite you to a public meeting for an update on the Somerville Ave. Utilities & Streetscape Improvements project and ongoing construction in the Union Square area. The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Academy Room at the Somerville Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St.

This presentation will outline the planned sequence of work for the rest of the year, including the restoration of eastbound through traffic in Union Square this summer, the next configuration of the fenced-in work zone on Somerville Ave., and minor changes to traffic patterns expected this fall.

For more information about this project, please visit somervillema.gov/somervilleave, email construction@somervillema.gov, or call the Engineering Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 5400.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' vote on the only roll call from the week of May 13-17. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONES (H 3149)

House 152-2, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would prohibit drivers from using a hand-held cellphone or other electronic device to make a call or access social media. The measure allows drivers to use only a handsfree phone but allows the driver to perform a single tap or swipe to activate or deactivate the hands-free mode feature. Use of a hand-held phone would be permitted in emergencies including if the vehicle was disabled; medical attention or assistance was required; police, fire or other emergency services were necessary for someone's personal safety; or a disabled vehicle or an accident was present on a roadway.

Violators would be fined \$100 for a first offense,\$250 for a second offense and \$500 for a third offense and subsequent offenses. The violation would not count as a surchargeable offense that could lead to higher insurance rates for the violator. If the law is approved by the Senate and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker, police officers would only issue warnings to violators instead of fines until December 31, 2019. The Senate will debate a similar bill on June 6 and supporters are confident that it will be approved by the Senate. Gov. Baker is on record in favor of a ban which was part of a road safety bill he filed in January.

Supporters say that the bill would save lives and prevent accidents. They note that the measure does not ban cellphone use but simply requires the use of hands-free ones. They pointed to accidents, deaths and injuries involving handheld cellphones.

"I am pleased that this bill passed the House and I am cautiously optimistic that the Senate will give its approval and the governor will sign it into law," said Rep. John Barrett (D-North Adams). "Too many lives have been lost in recent years by distracted drivers."

"The Senate is ready to finally deliver this to the governor's desk so that we can end the needless destruction and loss of life on our roadways," said Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) in a statement to the State House News Service. Montigny who has filed the bill for 15 years will take the lead in getting the measure approved in the Senate. Similar legislation has been approved by the Senate in the 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 sessions and the 2017-2018 sessions but never made it to the governor's desk.

Some opponents say that the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted.

"Studies on the effectiveness of hands-free vs. handheld cellphone operation of a motor vehicle are inconclusive at best," said Rep. Peter Durant (R-Spencer), one of the two members who voted against the measure. "The real culprit in distracted driving is texting, which was already banned in 2010 but are still at staggeringly high levels. This bill doesn't solve the problem of distracted driving and we could have used the money spent in this bill to provide better public awareness of the dangers and consequences of texting and driving."

The other member who voted against the measure was

Rep. David DeCoste (R-Norwell). DeCoste did not respond to repeated attempts by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking why he voted against the bill.

"With widespread cellphone use, a traffic hazard has exploded on the roads of t commonwealth and frankly around the country over the last 10 to 15 years," said Rep. William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) House chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation. "This legislation makes clear that drivers must keep their hands and eyes on the road and not on cellphones. Cellphone use while driving is a threat to safety not only to the driver but also to others that share the roads with those who choose to use a cellphone while driving. With the passage of this important legislation, I'm hopeful all motorists will focus on driving safely without cellphone distractions."

"I thought of my constituent Katie Brannelly who had a beautiful life dedicated in service to others," said Rep. John Rogers (D-Norwood). "She studied child psychology, held three jobs, made the dean's list and just three weeks prior to her graduation, before fulfilling her promise of going out and changing this world that needed her help with troubled youth, she was struck by a driver who never saw her."

"I hope and I pray that when this bill becomes law it will cause all of us to stop, to think, and to focus behind the wheel, and prevent families and communities from enduring future tragic loss of life," concluded Rogers.

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

OPIOID OVERDOSES KILLED 2,033 PEOPLE IN MASSACHUSETTS in 2018 - According to the Department of Public Health (DPH), there were a total of 2,033 confirmed or suspected opioid overdoses in Massachusetts 2018, the last full year recorded. The DPH said fentanyl was present in 89 percent of the 2018 deaths where a toxicology screen took place.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, in deaths where a toxicology screen took place, the percentages of various substances found in the screen include: heroin or likely heroin – 32 percent; cocaine – 39 percent; and benzodiazepines – 40 percent.

"The presence of amphetamines has been increasing since 2017 to approximately 9 percent of opioid-related overdose deaths in the fourth quarter of 2018," according the DPH's study. "Since 2014, the rate of heroin or likely heroin present in opioid-related overdose deaths has been decreasing while the presence of fentanyl and cocaine is still trending upward. The presence of prescription drugs in overdose cases decreased from 2014 through 2016 and has remained stable since then."

"While we remain encouraged that opioid-related overdose deaths have declined over the last two years, the epidemic continues to present very real challenges across Massachusetts that are made worse by the presence of fentanyl, cocaine and amphetamines," Gov. Baker said in a statement.

TEACH DOCTORS ABOUT EATING DIS-ORDERS (H 250) - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing on a measure that would require all doctors and physician assistants to complete a one-hour online course on the early recognition of eating disorders. The proposal also prohibits a hospital from granting or renewing professional privileges to work at the hospital to a physician or physician assistant who has not completed the training.

"I am very pleased with this bill," said sponsor Rep. Brad Hill (R-Ipswich). "Eating disorders are more common than the public eye can see, which is why I believe this is a matter that should be taken seriously by our community physicians to assure safety for our citizens."

AG CAN FILE CIVIL SUIT FOR WAGE VIOLATIONS (H 1610) – The Labor and Workforce Development Committee heard testimony at a hearing on a bill that would allow the attorney general to file a civil suit for injunctive relief, damages or lost wages and benefits for an employee and for the employee to receive triple damages if the suit is successful. Currently, the attorney general can only give either a civil citation or file a criminal complaint.

Supporters said the bill would give the attorney general and workers the power to hold accountable employers who commit wage theft or look the other way when it is going on. Wage theft is the practice of not paying employees what they're owed.

Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), said that rates of substance use disorder are higher among construction workers. "Exacerbate that by not getting paid, exacerbate that by working for subcontractors who don't pay benefits to their employees ... exacerbate that when people underpay you or don't classify you correctly," said Friedman. "So, we're asking them to do a job, to build all of our buildings and our schools and we're asking them to come to work every day, but we're not going to ensure that they get paid, and that is just fundamentally, deeply unfair."

Opponents said the bill contributes to the anti-business reputation of the Bay State. They said allowing triple damages goes too far and takes away all discretion from judges despite the circumstances of the case.

THE BAY STATE REMAINS IN 8TH PLACE IN NEW U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKING OF BEST STATES – Massachusetts, ranked number 1 in 2017, plummeted to number 8 in 2018 and held steady in 8th place for 2019.

The Bay State rankings include #1 in Education, #2 in Health Care, #4 in Crimes and Corrections, #7 in the economy and near the bottom of the list at #44 in infrastructure.

"Today, the fields of education and health services employ the most people in Massachusetts," said the report. "Another top industry is manufacturing, especially computer and electronic products. Massachusetts' technology sector has flourished in recent years and is among the most concentrated in the nation."

\$1,500 TAX CREDIT FOR FAMILY CAREGIV-ERS (\$702) – The Health Care Financing Committee heard testimony on a bill giving up to a \$1,500 tay

tee heard testimony on a bill giving up to a \$1,500 tax credit to reimburse a family member who spends his or her own money to care for an ailing relative. Expenses covered include the improvement or alteration to the caregiver's primary residence to accommodate the

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relative, equipment that is necessary to assist the relative in carrying out one or more activities of daily living, the hiring of a home care aide or personal care attendant, respite care, adult day health, transportation, legal and financial services and assistive technology.

The family caregiver claiming the credit must be over age 18 and have a Massachusetts adjusted gross income of less than \$75,000 for an individual and less than \$150,000 for a couple.

Supporters say this will save some money for caregivers. They note that Massachusetts has more than 800,000 unpaid family caregivers who are helping an aging parent or other loved one to live independently in their own homes. They argue that many of these caregivers have a regular full or part-time job and are overwhelmed by their caregiver duties. They note that a study from 2015 concluded that in Massachusetts, family caregivers provided 786 million hours of unpaid care valued at an estimated \$11.6 billion annually.

"This would go a long way in helping them, would enable more of our seniors and those with disabilities to remain at home where they want to be when they want to age with dignity in the community, keep them out of more restrictive care, which as you know is much more expensive," said the bill's Senate sponsor Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester). "Even though it will cost the state some money for the credit, it actually, overall, could be a cost saver for us."

SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMS FOR MASSHEALTH RECIPIENTS (H 1129, S 704) - The Health Care Financing Committee's agenda also

included a hearing on proposals requiring the state to

cover the expenses of programs for smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information by people on MassHealth—the state's Medicaid program that provides health care for low-income and disabled persons.

Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville), House sponsor of the proposal said she wants to expand the commonwealth's commitment to assisting people to stop smoking. "Right now, health plans under MassHealth provide tobacco cessation coverage, but we want to put this requirement into law to make sure it continues," said Barber. "In addition, the bill would add behavioral health counselors and dentists, providers who see a lot of patients who use tobacco, as people who can provide cessation services. With the rapid increase in tobacco use through vaping and other products, I want to ensure that Massachusetts supports people who want to quit."

"Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death and illness in the commonwealth and is responsible for more than \$4 billion in healthcare costs annually," said Sen. Jason Lewis, the Senate sponsor of the proposal. "It is vital that we provide comprehensive cessation benefits through all insurance plans, so that tobacco users can get help quitting. This legislation will strengthen existing MassHealth tobacco cessation benefits."

CHILD CARE FOR CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE (639) – The Elections Laws Committee held a hearing on a bill allowing a candidate for public office to use campaign funds for child care while the candidate is campaigning on his or her own behalf or attending events directly related to his or her campaign. The House gave initial approval to the proposal in the 2017-2018 session, but the bill died in the committee on Bills in Third Reading.

Under current law, candidates are prohibited from using campaign funds for their personal use. The state's Office of Campaign and Finance has classified childcare while performing campaign duties as a personal expense rather than a campaign expense.

"If we believe representation matters in public office, then we need to break down barriers to entry for underrepresented groups," said Rep. Mike Connolly (D-Cambridge), co-sponsor of the measure. "That's why I'm proud to be working with Sen. Jehlen, Rep. Meschino, and several other colleagues to make childcare an allowable campaign expense, a concept that was recently adopted by the Federal Election Commission for candidates on the federal level."

"We should strive for more socio-economic, gender and inter-generational diversity across elected offices in Massachusetts," said co-sponsor Rep. Joan Meschino (D-Hull). "This bill provides an important mechanism to encourage more representative candidate pools by building equity into our election system."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"It's a long time before we're going to start talking about that." — Gov. Baker when asked by the State House News Service whether he has a position on the measure that would impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5.1 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million.

"Central Boston Elder Services celebrates our older residents and recognizes the enormous value of their life experiences. We are so proud of them and treasure their ability to share the insights and Continued on page 17

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
72464929	22 Berkeley St	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	4	\$989,000	\$1,200,000		
72458151	59 Boston St	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath	6	\$995,000	\$1,095,000		
72465041	11R Sanborn Ave	9 room, 5 bed, 3f 0h bath	13	\$1,095,000	\$1,105,000		
72466629	48 Elm St	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath	3	\$1,099,000	\$1,065,000		
72471192	26 Hawthorne St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath	15	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000		

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: MLS# **Address** Description **DOM List Price** Sale Price 72454357 52 \$1,049,900 U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath \$1,030,000 9 Adelaide U:25 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 72455433 8 Appleton Street 45 \$1,075,000 \$1,092,000 72445619 42 Bow St U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 29 \$1,149,900 \$1,130,000 U:17 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 72454395 9 Adelaide 29 \$1,199,000 \$1,130,000 72450182 352 Highland Ave U:37 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath 20 \$1,295,000 \$1,260,000 72455438 8 Appleton Street U:17 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath 46 \$1,395,000 \$1,390,000 72429941 22 White Street Place U:1 7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath 86 \$1,459,000 \$1,365,000

U:2258 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath

П	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:									
П	MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
	72457936	35 Parkdale St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	11	\$1,100,000	\$1,058,000				
П	72407031	15-17 Burnham St	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	14	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000				
	72451743	57 Putnam St	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	16	\$1,175,000	\$1,175,000				
Н	72468503	24 Hall Ave	3 unit, 17 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	22	\$2,099,000	\$2,050,000				
	72441527	46 South Street	6 unit, 23 total rooms, 11 total bedrooms	28	\$2,400,000	\$2,250,000				
ш	72431653	657-659 Somerville Ave	10 unit, 44 total rooms, 14 total bedrooms	88	\$5,500,000	\$4,850,000				
	72483651	2-8 Broadway	24 unit, 99 total rooms, 99 total bedrooms	157	\$13,500,000	\$12,000,000				

A Somerville Memorial Day remembrance



This photo was taken in front of 75-79 Josephine Ave. in the summer of 1953. The street had so many more trees on it back then. The car in the background is a Studebaker.

The peace treaty on Korean Peninsula was signed that ended military hostilities on the Korean Peninsula had just been signed. 300 Chevy Corvettes rolled off the assembly line that year. Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower was president.

The flag being held only had 48 stars that year. The boy holding the flag is Richard Keane, who graduated from Somerville High School in 1960 and later joined the U.S. Army 82 Airborne Division. His arm was in a bandage that day from an injury at summer camp.

The boy to the left in sling arms is Gary Mello, who became a U.S. Army Sgt. in the Vietnam War and is now deceased.

The boy to the right in shoulder arms is Wayne A. Daley, who was a combat wounded Marine of the Vietnam War and now resides in Seabrook, N.H.

Third Annual 'Big Gay Dance Party'

The Somerville Arts Council and the Department of Health and Human Services present the Big Gay Dance Party. In celebration of Pride Month 2019, this third annual ArtsUnion will take place on Saturday, June 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Union Square Plaza.

The event features music by LUNAMARIPOSA, who will be spinning a variety of songs throughout the evening, and drag performances by Amanda Playwith and Severity Stone. The event is free and open to all ages. In addition to dancing there will be tabling by local community organizations that serve the LGBTQ+ community.

The Somerville High School Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) will be selling Queerville pride t-shirts designed by students to fundraise for next year's club activities. You can buy one at the festival for \$20 (cash only). Please join us for this exciting event as we celebrate pride month and the LGBTQ+ individuals in our community.

With questions about the festival or press queries, please contact Special Events Manager Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998 or neichner@somervillema.gov.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

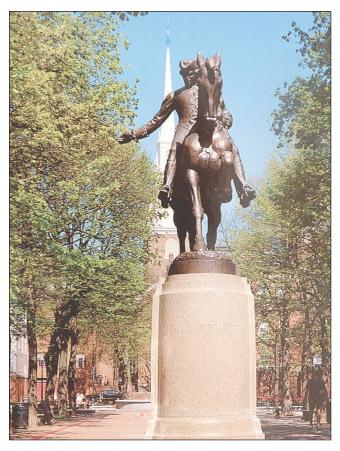


Eagle feathers #179

King of the Hills

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Somerville is said to be the City of Seven Hills, and Seven Hills Park in Davis Square highlights them. In reality, the city has fourteen hills known by twenty-eight different names. For over three centuries, Winter Hill has been the most notable.



Apparently, no one knows for sure where her name originated or how it remained. Some say she received her name from Governor Winthrop when he first wintered here on his arrival from England. Others speculate that it began in the early revolutionary era when the hill was covered with hundreds of white sailcloth tents pitched by American soldiers during their siege of Boston.

Through the years, the hill's crown has witnessed a kaleidoscope of historic occurrences.



• In 2020, Plymouth, Massachusetts will be four hundred years old. In 1621, Captain Miles Standish, military protector of the Plymouth Pilgrims, was the first European to explore this Somerville hill. For over 120 years, part of his Coat of Arms embellished our

Massachusetts State Flag.

- + On September 1, 1774, after disembarking from the Mystic River, 260 British troops marched over Winter Hill and on to attack the Powder House. This secret raid proved to be the dress rehearsal for the assault eight months later on Concord.
- On the eve of April 19, 1775, Paul Revere galloped over Winter Hill's 135-foot peak on his midnight ride toward Lexington.
- Two months later on June 17, 1775, a field hospital for the Battle of Bunker Hill's wounded was formed at the summit of Winter Hill. It was organized by



Revolutionary War heroine Ann Adams Tufts on her family's farm. She nursed both American

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How the City of Somerville is struggling to meet its own ambitious 'open space' goals

By Marshall Collins

The City of Somerville has been focused on increasing open space for years, but the issue is coming into focus now more than ever before: The city council and planning board meet regularly to discuss the matter, and the city is more broadly looking at the future of open space as it reevaluates its goals in Somer Vision 2040.

According to "The Path Since 2010," which was put out this year by the city, Somerville has the least open space per capita in Massachusetts. As a result, in 2010, SomerVision's steering committee set an ambitious goal: creating 125 new acres of publicly-accessible open space.

The report acknowledges the challenges associated with setting such a goal. For one thing, it estimates that creating open space costs about \$6.2 million per acre (including acquisition, design and construction). Using those metrics, the report estimates the total cost of meeting SomerVision's open space goal

at \$629 million: Four times the cost of the Somerville High School renovation.

But even in the context of a straining financial reality, Somerville has created 15 acres of open space since the goal was created in 2011. The North Street Veterans Playground, Maxwell's Green Park and Dog Park, Quincy Street Park, Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park, Assembly Square Black 2A Plaza, Chuckie Harris Park, Symphony Park, 50 Middlesex Park and Zero New Washington Street Dog Park have all created more open pace for Somerville residents and visitors to relax, exercise, spend time with loved one and engage with the community.

But, of course, 15 acres is a small fraction of the 125 acres the city set out to create. To further help meet the goal, the city's 2016-2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan was created, in part to qualify Somerville for state funding for city parks. It also helped to accurately quantify and inventory



existing open space, in part because plan goals include not only acquiring more land, but also renovating existing parks and open spaces.

SomerVision's updated open space goals are a little more broad, and perhaps more attainable: creating and programming a network of vibrant public open spaces and shared use paths throughout the city. The goal here is to create multi-purpose spaces that promote healthy living and "reflect changing recreational interests and cultural opportunities."

And more increased open space acreage is underway: As the initial phase of the renovation of Somerville's historic library kicks off, improved landscaping to create ample green and open space is a key feature of the design. Plus, residents themselves are kicking in with events like the Mystic River Watershed Association's annual return of the herring fun run and paddle - an event that not only raises awareness of the returning of herring to the river, but also promotes stewardship of the watershed and provides access to open space and recreation for residents.

And of course there are the proposed increases in open space from Somerville developments in progress - Xmbly at Assembly Row is creating over an acre of new open space. And, 3.5 acres of open space and public realm improvements have been proposed by Union Square master developer US2, including landscaped pedestrian plazas, pocket parks, community gardens and a new 27,000 square foot neighborhood park.

As the city continues to work to meet its ambitious goals,

partnering both with the community, as well as developers with the means to hit the city's targets, will be a key factor to their success.

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Brown School Spring Concert

The public is cordially invited to the 2019 Benjamin G Brown School Spring Concert.

This year's spring concert will take place on Tuesday, May 28 at the Somerville High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

The performance will last approximately 90 minutes and will feature all of the Brown School students K-5 performing, along with the string, band, and ukulele instrumentalists.

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

May 13 through 20 was Infrastructure Week. "Infrastructure" includes a wide range of systems that help us get where we need to go and deliver crucial services like water and electricity. Maintaining our infrastructure, especially aging systems, is a challenge both locally and nationally. Infrastructure Week was a good time to remember how central our infrastructure is to our day-to-day lives and think about how we will tackle the challenges of maintaining and updating it.

37% increase in ridership: Nationally, public transportation ridership has increased by 37% over the past 20 years. We know the benefits when people rely on cars less – it's better for the environment and, according to AAA, can save you nearly \$10,000 a year. But people

won't use public transportation if it doesn't go where they need it to and if it isn't reliable, so if we want to help more people make a mobility shift, we have to have good public transportation infrastructure in place. Locally, that's meant a partnership between the MBTA and Federal Realty Investment Trust to fund and open the first new T station in almost 30 years at Assembly Square and a \$50 million investment by the City to ensure the Green Line Extension that so many have fought so long for would finally be built. There are also smaller investments we can make to improve public transportation. Buses in Somerville are on time only about 60% of the time, but we can help them cut through traffic faster by installing dedicated bus lanes. Right now we have one on Prospect St. and will be painting another on Broadway soon. And we'll be keeping an eye out for more locations where a dedicated bus lane makes sense.

75 to 100 years old: Most of the water systems across America have been operating for between 75 and 100 years. And Somerville can top even that: some

of our oldest pipes were put in before the Civil War. Older systems are more likely to break, and if you've ever experienced an emergency water shutdown it was likely because an old pipe broke and needed repair. Prior to 2006 no proactive water or sewer upgrades were being undertaken at all in Somerville, rather the City was only responding to emergency breaks. Since then, we have steadily increased preventive investments. But to really fix the problem we need to fully upgrade our water and sewer system. That work has started with projects like the water and sewer separation on Cedar St. and the current work in Union Square, but it's going to be a long process. Based on the rate we're currently able to invest, it will take about 340 years to fully upgrade Somerville's water and sewer system. The City is working to increase our investment to a rate that would get that number down to 102 years—still too long, but better. It's time to knuckle down and step up to this responsibility.

167 hours stuck in traffic: Here's another good reason to invest in our public transporta-

tion infrastructure: nationally, the average driver spends 97 hours stuck in traffic per year. And it's even worse locally. A recent report by the research firm INRIX found that Boston area commuters spent an average of 167 hours in rush hours traffic. That puts Boston in the #1 spot for most congested city in the nation for 2018—right ahead of D.C. and Chicago. Some drivers won't be able to switch from a car commute, but if we can get others off the road and onto public transportation, bikes, or walking, it will lessen congestion and make everyone's commute a little better. For one, the new Green Line Extension is projected to increase T ridership by approximately 50,000 trips per day.

\$3.70 in economic growth: Infrastructure projects, especially major ones, are expensive, but they're also good for the economy. For every dollar invested in infrastructure projects \$3.70 is generated in economic growth. Infrastructure projects can also help you save money when shopping. Right now traffic congestion adds about \$75 billion to freight transportation costs each year. Building and maintaining

our infrastructure also creates job. In the U.S. about 12% of the workforce, or 17 million people, have jobs related to infrastructure.

70% of voters: In 2016, more than 70% of voters voted for a debt exclusion that has allowed us to build a new Somerville High School. Though buildings are not considered infrastructure, the vote is in line with how voters view infrastructure projects around the country. Since 2000, voters across the U.S. have approved 71% of transportation ballot initiatives and in 2018 77% of local and state infrastructure projects that were on the ballot were approved.

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

City's SomerStreets program returns for 2019

SomerStreets: Carnaval returns for the 10th year of shaking up East Somerville! SomerStreets will kick off the 2019 season Sunday, June 2, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, June 9). Enjoy the best of the East Broadway Business District and community including food, music, and activities from around the world. Programming will extend along East Broadway from McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Ave. The festival kicks off with an opening Parade at 2 p.m. beginning at the corner of Kensington Ave. and Broadway.

Keep your feet moving with a variety of interactive activities including stilting and parkour. Watch Esh Circus Arts fly through the air. Play soccer and preschool games with the Somerville Recreation Department. Hop aboard the Arts Council's MUSCRAT bus for a series of shorts films in East Somerville. Be part of a talk show interview with Somerville Media Center. Check out the artisan market curated by Somerville Flea. Visit the dunk tank to dunk some of your neighbors and local elected officials. Check out music throughout the day on three stages. Acts include Grupo Los Nitidos, Grooversity, Tarciso Alves & Forró Roots, Veronica Robles Female Mariachi, Torito Pinto Music Band and Camilla Latin Jazz. Listen to a concert from our very own string section from El Sistema and learn capoeira with Sinha Capoeira. SomerStreets: Carnaval is organized by the City of Somerville, the Somerville Arts Council, and East Somerville Main Streets.



SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally-renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Through SomerStreets, the City and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.

In order to ensure public safety at the event, several road closures and parking bans will be in effect between McGrath Highway and Lombardi Way:

- Closed to all vehicular traffic;
- No parking on either side of the street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
- Residents who live on the west side of Broadway will be detoured onto Broadway at Pennsylvania Ave.; Residents who live on the east side of Broadway will be detoured onto Pearl St. MBTA buses will be rerouted from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. For full detour information, visit www.mbta.com.

The full 2019 SomerStreets lineup is as follows:

Sunday, June 2: Carnaval: Lower Broadway (McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave) (Rain Date: June 9)

Sunday, August 4: Seize the Summer: Holland St. (Davis to Cameron Ave.)

Sunday, Sept 15: Strike Up the Band: Highland Ave. (School St. to Lowell St.)

Sunday, Oct 20: Monster Mashed-Up: Somerville Ave. (Hawkins St. to Spring St.) (Rain Date: Oct 27)

All events are 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. The August and September festivals are rain or shine.

For more information about road closures contact 311 (617-666-3311). For information on how to participate in any of the SomerStreets events, go to: https://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets or contact Nina Eichner, Special Events Manager, at (617) 625-6600 ext. 2998 or NEichner@somervillema.gov.

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



It began as a way to memorialize the military casualties of the Civil War, and was originally termed Decoration Day.

Decorating the graves of the countless multitudes of fallen soldiers helped to console the grieving survivors of the debacle while uniting the once divided nation in a worthwhile common cause.

For many these days, Memorial Day

represents the beginning of the summery high season. Kids soon enjoy their vacations from school. Families and individuals go traveling, camping, surfing, and whatever else represents fun in the sun in the months to come.

This next week we will take a little more time to pay homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. The city's new "Memorial on the Mystic" event is sure to entertain attendees as well as honor those who risked or laid down their lives protecting our freedoms.

Our heroes deserve recognition and thanks for the service they have given, and you may come away from the experience feeling a bit more enlightened and enriched than before. Most of all, give some thought to what the brave men and women who laid down their lives mean to all of us today. How the freedom and quality of life we enjoy in America would not be possible without those selfless acts of courage and devotion.

It is good to have that sense of appreciation throughout the entire year too.

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Are you fed up yet on the construction and downed bridges in this small city? It's happening all at once, and it seems to be for not just a few weeks or months but mostly for a year. Somerville is not quite 4-square miles, with a population of 78K to 80K. Bridges from East to West are down and they are telling us up to one year. So far the only councilor who we see and hear is trying to do things to help is Mark Niedergang of Ward 5. He seems to be on top of every-thing. It's election year, and people are beginning to get peed-off. If there ever was a time to defeat an incumbent this is the year, don't you think? Our sources tell us the city is approaching \$600M in debt. Just wait for your single family tax coming to \$20k.

The Committee to Elect Mary Marshall for Ward 3 School Committee is hosting her campaign kickoff fundraiser Wednesday, June 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at The Neighborhood Restaurant in Union Square. All are welcome to attend. You can find out more about Mary's campaign platform by going to her website: MaryVMarshall.com.

If any candidate is having a fundraiser or campaign kickoff let us know and we will add it to *Newstalk*. Good luck to all

that pulled out papers to run for office. There is still time to go online to and check out who is running for what office at www.somervillema.gov. We need more candidates.

Congratulations to Irene Bremis on the grand opening of her new company, Ibremis Realty Inc., located at 120 College Avenue. Irene has been around carrying on the tradition of her dad Jim Bremis. We wish Irene the best of success for many years to come.

On Thursday, May 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission will hold its Conservation Project Talk and Tour of the Milk Row Cemetery. Barbara Mangum, Ob-jects Conservator and President of the Somerville Museum, dressed in period clothing, will highlight the work her firm recently completed with the city's Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. Many markers and the Civil War monument were repaired, cleaned and reset in this compact burial ground. Founded in 1804 by Samuel Tufts, it sits on farmland that was once part of Charlestown. Light refreshments have been donated by Market Basket, a "Friend of the Cemetery." Meet at the front gate at 439 Somerville Avenue. Heavy rain cancels the event.

The Annual Special Olympics Event takes place on May 23 at Trum Field, 541 Broadway. Activities kick off at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie while you cheer on and support our incredible special Olympic student-athletes. This is a free family event.

Somerville High School is looking for 50 graduates from the Class of 1969 to participate in this year's Class Day festivities. Class Day is a traditional celebration that honors graduates from 50 years past, this year's graduating class, and the rising freshmen and senior classes. If you would like to participate in the Class of 2019 Class Day activities, please email Barbara Favaloro, SHS Main Office, Head Clerk (bfavaloro@k12.somerville.ma.us), or call 617-625-6600 x6110. Class Day will take place on Friday, May 31, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Somerville High School.

The Ryan Harrington Foundation hosts their 4th Aannual Just One Run 5K in memory of James "PJ" Pefine, on Sunday, June 2. The run begins at

10:00 a.m. and starts at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive in Somerville. The event includes a Kids' Fun Run as well as a 5K Run/Walk. To learn how you can participate in and support this event, visit: http://www.ry-anharringtonfoundation.org/just-one-run-in-memory-of-james-pj-pefine. For more information about the Ryan Harrington Foundation, visit www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org.

Summer HONK 2019 and Somerville String Fest registration is now open. Students who want to continue making music over the summer can do so with these programs. For more info and to register, visit www.somerville.k12. ma.us/summermusic.

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 a very nice hall for rent, some say the best deal in Somerville. Call the hall and ask for details at 617-623-9340.

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Somerville urban garden

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East Somerville Family Scavenger Hunt

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission is partnering with other local organizations to host events honoring Somerville's history and historic assets as part of May Preservation Month.

On Saturday, May 18, they held the East Somerville Family Scavenger Hunt. The scavenger hunt used manhole covers identified by local artist Daniel Fireside plus other urban artifacts to explore Somerville.

The hunt started at East Branch Public Library and ended at the East Somerville Community School. The kids solved the clues and earned fun prizes.













Photos by Jeanine Farley



Actress Alfre Woodard delivers Tufts commencement address

Alfre Woodard, award-winning actor, producer and activist, delivered the 2019 commencement address at Tufts University this past Sunday morning.

During her stirring and entertaining speech, Woodard encouraged members of the class of 2019 at Tufts to "drop that mic" in celebration of all that they have endured on their path to graduating.

She reminded students to "never let anybody who is telling the truth stand alone," and advised them, "Life is good, even when it's complicated. Stay in it. Create. Foster justice. Have fun. Moisturize, moisturize. Hydrate. Step away from the sin-

gle-use plastics and people like them. Put your phones down, my friends, and live."

Other memorable quotes from her address include:

"The tell of a patriot is not by how much he loves the symbols of the nation, but by how much she loves the people of her country ... That is how you love your country."

"You're headed for the front lines, my dears ... Screw up, big time, and then keep living, keep reaching, and seeking."

"You know, you're not supposed to feel good every day. And you're certainly not supposed to look good every day. So don't believe IG-Instagram is a pimp ... it's crazy pants."



"Bring your gifts to the healing of the nations ... especially when it is unpopular, stand for the true principles of life, liberty,

choice, and the pursuit of happiness to which we are all entitled."

"And remember, never let anybody who is telling the truth stand alone ... Live long and prosper. Congratulations!"

— Photos by Alonso Nichols, Tufts University



- 1. What is considered the unofficial start of the summer vacation season in the United States?
- 2. In 1966 what city and state did the federal government declare the official birthplace of Memorial Day?
- 3. In what year was Memorial Day moved from May 30 to the last Monday in May?
- 4. Where would you see this phrase "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God"?
- 5. Who maintains a 24 hour watch over the

- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?
- 6. What music star has a hit album *Pink Friday?*
- 7. What baking ingredient can be used as an antacid?
- 8. What is a transitive verb?
- 9. What are the largest hotels in Las Vegas?
- 10. What does a phillumenist collect?
- 11. What are the three branches of government?
- 12. Who was the designer of the Playboy logo?

Answers on page 23









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GEORGE J. PROAKIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

> **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA, 3rd Floor Community Room.

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. Check the ZBA agendas online 48 hours prior to the hearing start time to check the status of the case in which you are interested.

44-46 Prescott Street (ZBA 2019-48): Applicant, Mitrano Erasmo G & Lisa Trustees, and Owner, Mitrano Realty Trust, seek a special permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a ground-level vestibule in the rear. RA Zone. Ward 3.

337 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2016-116 R2-04/2019): Applicant, BwB-Square & Owner, GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC, seek to revise Special Permit #ZBA 2016-116 under \$5.3.8 of the SZO. The applicant seeks to amend condition #5 (a condition that corresponds only to the NB-zoned portion of the property) such that the brewing establishment ceases outside activities at 12am, which coincides with their liquor license restrictions. NB zone. Ward 2.

106 Bromfield Road (ZBA 2019-44): Applicant, Cristian dos Santos, and owner, David L. Jennings, III, seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property. Alterations may include rear egress stairs and changes to a non-conforming rear deck.

419 Broadway (ZBA 2017-06-E1-4/19): Applicants and Owners, Thomas Sullivan & Maria del Carmen Sullivan, request a one-year extension under §5.3.10 of the SZO to extend their previously-granted special permits. RC zone. Ward 5.

187 Central Street (ZBA 2019-29): Applicant and Owner, Nora, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §7.3.3 of the SZO to increase the number of dwelling units from one to four where one of these units will be affordable. Parking relive under Article 9 of the SZO. RA

31 Heath Street (ZBA 2019-39): Applicants and Owners, Sunnia Ko Davis & Marlon Davis, seek Variances under \$5.5 of the SZO and Special Permits under § 4.4.1, 8.5 to convert an existing two-story accessory structure into two floors of finished living space with a bathroom on each floor. RB zone. Ward 4.

137 Summer Street (ZBA 2019-40): Applicant and Owner, 137 Summer Street, LLC, seeks special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by increasing the GFA by more than 25% and constructing a 3-story addition within the left side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. Number of units will increase from two to three. RB zone. Ward 3.

65 Bailey Road (ZBA 2019-27): Applicants and Owners, Jose F. and Ligia L. Couto, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by constructing a dormer within the left side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9. RA zone. Ward 4.

156 Hudson Street (ZBA 2019-36): Applicant, North America Development, and Owners, Hudson and Lisa Santana, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing an addition, adding a third story, and converting it into a two-family dwelling. A special permit for parking relief is also being sought under SZO §9.13. RB Zone. Ward 5.

50-54 Murdock Street (ZBA 2018-19-R1-4/19): Applicant, Roberto Grieco, and Owner, Alida Elena Grieco, Trustee of the Fifty Murdock Investment Trust, seek a revision to a previously approved special permit (ZBA 2018-19) under SZO §5.3.8 to make changes to the right side of the building. RB Zone. Ward 5.

7 Summer Street (ZBA 2018-107-R1-5/19): Applicant / Owner, 35atSummer, LLC, seeks a revision to a previously approved special permit (ZBA 2018-107) under SZO §5.3.8 to make changes to the building including raising the height by 2.8 feet, adding rear entry stairs, an ADA compliant ramp, stone retaining wall, and added/removed windows. NB Zone. Ward 3.

29 Ward Street (ZBA 2019-42): Applicant / Owner, Scott Flanagan, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a third story and adding a third dwelling unit. A special permit is also being sought under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. BA Zone. Ward 2.

346 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-19) (re-advertise): Applicant, 346 Somerville Ave., LLC, and Owner, Palmac Realty Corp proposes a project that requires zoning relief from two boards: the Planning Board and the ZBA. All special permitting for this project falls under the purview of the Planning Board. The ZBA is the only board that can grant variances. The Applicant seeks variances from the ZBA including lot area per dwelling unit, height, and number of stories. CCD-55. Ward 2.

60 Vernon Street (ZBA 2019-38): Applicant, Joel Luis, and Owner, Avelino Luis, seek special permits to alter a non-conforming property by adding an addition within the setbacks for a second living unit. GFA increase of more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 5.

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 5/22/19 & 5/29/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REBID RFQ# 19-73

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

Continuum of Care Planning Grant Consultant

RFQ packages may be obtained online at: http://www.somervillema. gov/departments/finance/purchasing or by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on or after: Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019.

Sealed responses will be received at the above office until: Thursday June 6th, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

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

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst, with any questions at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director**

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB 19-91

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

Allen Street Playground Construction

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Sealed bids will be received until Thursday June 6th, 2019 at 1:30PM. Late bids will not be considered. 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.

Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

> **Michael Richards Assistant Purchasing Director**

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PLANNING DIVISION

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434 McGrath Hwy (PB 2014-23-R1-4/19): Applicant, Somerville Comedy Group, LLC, and Owner, Prospect Commons, LLC, seek a revision to a previously approved special permit (PB 2014-23) under SZO §5.3.8 to change a previously approved ground floor retail use into a comedy club and for parking relief under SZO §9.13. CCD-45 Zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 5/22/19 and 5/29/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **CITY COUNCIL**

A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be held before the Somerville City Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits, in the Committee Room, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 6:00 PM, on the petition of Automotive Transport Service, Inc., dba Automotive Transport Service, for a Garage License for mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, and operating a tow service only, for 9 vehicles stored inside and 15 vehicles stored outside, operating Monday-Friday 8 AM-6 PM, Saturday-Sunday 8 AM-3 PM

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to my attention, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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SCES Housing Specialist speaks at NERSC Conference

Kristin Bell specializes in helping older adults find housing that fits their needs, and she recently shared some of her expertise as a featured speaker at the 21st Annual NERSC (New England Resident Service Coordinators) Conference.

Bell, who is a Housing Specialist and Elder Care Advisor at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), presented a workshop titled: Meeting Your Residents' Needs to Age in Place or Explore Other Housing Settings. Bell previously worked as a Resident Services Coordinator, and said it was great meeting with other professionals to share ideas and experiences.

"It was an exciting opportuni-

ty to be able to give back to this group of dedicated professionals who have such a positive impact in their communities. Their commitment to enhancing their residents' quality of lives is immeasurable. I was hoping with this presentation, to open up some options for successfully living in community as one ages," said Bell.

Resident Services Coordinators play an important role in affordable housing communities, helping residents maintain tenancy through a combination of problem-solving and providing connections to helpful resources.

As a Housing Specialist, Bell's primary focus is helping to connect older adults with housing resources. She typically starts by

providing an overview of affordable and assisted living options, and can also assist with the application process.

Bell said the conference audience was very engaged, and gave examples of how they have helped their residents age in their apartments with supports and social opportunities. "We all learned a lot from each other, which was the goal," said Bell.

Kristin Bell is a Housing Specialist at the Aging Information Center at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), a private, non-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality of life and maintaining the dignity and independence of older people in Somerville and Cam-



SCES Housing Specialist Kristin Bell recently spoke about elder housing options and resources for aging in place at the 21st Annual New England Resident Service Coordinators conference.

bridge. To learn more, contact the SCES Aging Information Center

by calling 617-628-2601 or email info@eldercare.org.

Conway Park contamination and PIP plan information session

A public information session regarding contamination at Conway Park will be held on Wednesday, May 29, at the Public Safety Building (Police Headquarters) at 220 Washington Street, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the Meeting is to present the Draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the Site in accordance with 310 CMR 40.1405 (5)(a) (2), provide an update with respect to Site activities, and to solicit feedback from the public.

Licensed site professionals Weston & Sampson and City staff will discuss the PIP plan, testing results, and next steps as well as answer questions. Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), who have oversight over the testing and mitigation process, are also expected. The PIP will be available for review starting May 30 at www.somervillema.gov/conwayfield and at the Information/Reference Desks at all three Somerville Public Library branches.

Background: Soil testing conducted in preparation for the proposed renovation of Conway field revealed contamination in the soil requiring Conway Park's closure. Samples taken at various locations and depths identified

contamination including lead and PCBs, some of which exceeded regulatory limits. The Site is now managed under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan and is also regulated under both the MCP and EPA's Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

For more information or to sign up for the Conway Park email list, visit www.somervillema.gov/conwayfield



Somerville to honor our fallen heroes with new memorial CONT. FROM PG 1

sacrifice, celebrate their bravery, and show support to their families," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

"I think we as a nation have forgotten what this day is all about," said Commissioner Bishop who is a 20-year Air Force Veteran. "After you have had your barbe-

cues and celebrations, come join us as we conclude the weekend with a commemoration of service and a celebration of life."

The outdoor concert is free and open to the public. A limited amount of chairs will be provided, so please bring a lawn chair or a blanket and help us remember our fallen heroes and their families.

In addition, the city's Annual Roll Call of Heroes Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held Sunday, May 26 at 4:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Cemetery on Broadway, just west of the North St. intersection. At

this observance of Memorial Day, the community honors and remembers its fallen heroes.

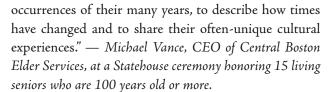
Sixty-nine heroes from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the 1983 Beirut Bombing are laid to rest at Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. This ceremony provides an opportunity for our

City to come together and honor the service and sacrifice of all who serve.

For more information or if you have questions about Veterans services or events, contact Bryan Bishop at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 or bbishop@somervillema.gov.

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"It is a fundamental responsibility of government to keep our communities safe. Recent tragedies have demonstrated the tremendous damage that can result when our criminal justice system fails to identify and detain dangerous people charged with serious crimes. The alarming frequency of these events confirms that the commonwealth needs to do a better job of holding, until trial, defendants who pose a continuing danger to others." — Gov. Baker testifying before the Judiciary Committee on a bill that would make it easier for police and the court system to detain defendants.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of May 13-17, the House met for a total of ten hours and four minutes while the Senate met

for a total of 20 minutes.

Mon. May 13

House 11:03 a.m. to 12:32 p.m.
Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.

Tues. May 14

No House session
No Senate session

Wed. May 15

House 11:04 a.m. to 7:31 p.m.
No Senate session

Thurs. May 16 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Fri. May 17 No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday May 22

East Branch Library Preschool Story Time 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. A Garden Story Time! 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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

Thursday | May 23

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

East Branch Library

Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

Friday | May 24

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-

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

Tuesday | May 28

Hodgkins-Curtin Park Playground

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| Holland St at Paulina St

Wednesday | May 29

Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club

2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Somerville Cares about Prevention Annual Coalition Celebration 4:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.|79 Highland

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | May 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Backroom: Karen Casey: Two Shows 7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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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**

TV Dinner

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Fish House

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday | May 23

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The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m.

Back Room:Todd Thibaud|7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m.

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Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

Crunchtime with special guests The 7CS, Trick Wallace Trio, and Keytar Bear 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

The Undertones + Dot Dash Dot Dash 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Union Tavern

State Forest • Numbers Have Names • Voting Yes 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Le Prestige 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Mac-

7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday | May 24

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6

Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present Pyramid Thieves, Bleach The Sky, Condition Baker - \$10 cover 9pm

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Front Room: Irish Session|9:30

Backroom: Happy Birthday Bob, A Tribute To Bob Dylan w Matt Borrello, Danielle Miraglia, Ryan Fitzsimmons, Greg Klyma|7 p.m. Spike the Punch | 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Tender Beats live 7 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Mac-

7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Saturday | May 25

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests |9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session 2 p.m.

Back Room: McNeill with Very Special Guest Reevah|7p.m. Jimmys Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

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Thunder Road

Makin' Some Noise: A Celebration of Tom Petty 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Archspire Inferi, Virvum, Myth Of I 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Union Tavern

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Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Blue Light Bandits 8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café Nora Tirrell

The Rockwell KERPLUNK!|11 a.m. Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Mac-

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

beth|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday | May 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Brunch! Roundtable Acoustic Series featuring Sepia Tones|11 a.m. Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. Tsunami of Sound, 9th Wave, The Wet Ones 10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9

Backroom: Helen 7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Thunder Road**

Americana Sundays with Lady Malory

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville**

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Slum Village STL GLD, Joseph James

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Last Sunday BYOP Residency: The Late Risers

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday | May 27 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

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends 9:30 p.m. 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

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156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

14 Tyler Street

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

Tuesday | May 28

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren

Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m. Back Room: Deadline Quartet Featuring Special Guests 7 p.m.

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|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville**

156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory **Enroot's Student Celebration** 6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

Highland Ave Wednesday May 29

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room:Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Backroom: Back West with Tommy & Louise & Special Friends 7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Chaos Chaos Carroll

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Last Wednesday Residency: Hannah Bates

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday | May 22

Central Library Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Public Meeting HUD Annual Action Plan 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland

Thursday | May 23

Central Library

City of Somerville Fair Housing Commission 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Yoga at the Library

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

East Branch Library Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

West at TAB, 167 Holland St Books-to-Movies Club 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|167 Holland

St, 2nd floor First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Friday | May 24

Saturday | May 25

East Branch Library East Branch Book Group 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square

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

Union Square Farmers Market

48 Holland St

Sunday | May 26 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

Tuesday | May 28

Central Library School Funding Q&A 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Learn English with the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday | May 29

Central Library Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft

12 p.m.-2 p.m. Mystery Book Group 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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.

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.

New York City – Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 1, 2 and 3. Check in time is Saturday, June 1, at 6:45 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. on Monday the 3rd. \$315/pp double or \$458/pp single. Package includes round trip motorcoach transportation, two nights deluxe accommodations, two hotel breakfasts and guided tour of NYC. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot please call Connie 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.

Mystery Trip – Monday, June 10 - \$20 per person includes luxury air-conditioned motorcoach transportation, an activity and lunch. Lunch choices are chicken picatta, Tuscan steak tips or baked cod with cracker crust, chef's choice of potato, vegetable and dessert. Also includes coffee, tea, iced tea, lemonade and water. Don't delay this will sell out fast. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to join in the mystery.

Happy Wedding Anniversary – Tuesday, June 11 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.

Finances 50+ Workshop – Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This workshop was designed to help you make and keep smart money habits. A light dinner to follow. If you

require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call Josie or Vivian at 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.

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Upcoming Dates: June 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Blood Pressure Screening – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming Dates: May 16 and June 20. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@ somervillema.gov.

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 Monthy Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join. Call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 to sign up. Upcoming Date: June 19.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (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 interested 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, s pouse 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.

Signing with Bryan – Meets Mondays at the Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information or to join the fun call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Lunch is served – every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday and 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.

Game Hour – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a "Game Hour." Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. 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

Legoland celebrates Somerville's women firefighters



On Friday, May 17, Legoland Discovery Center celebrated the Somerville Fire Department's women firefighters. Four of Somerville's five women firefighters represented the department and spoke about their careers in the fire service and their love for their job. They also presented fire safety tips to the children in attendance.

Women who are residents of Somerville and interested in a career with the Somerville Fire Department are encouraged to contact Jennifer Mancia, City of Somerville Personnel Department at 617-625-6600 x3304.

Pictured (L to R): Firefighter Christine Guelpa, Legoland Master Model Builder Megan Amaral, Lt. Francis Otting, Chief Charles Breen, Firefighter Danielle O'Hearn and Lt. Blanca Alcaraz. — Photo courtesy of Somerville F.D.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

soldiers and British prisoners while the site was fortified for most of the war. Today, Anne's house at 438 Broadway is one of the city's oldest and was built from the timber of Winter Hill's Fort.

- + After the 1777 American victory at Saratoga, New York, 2000 Hessians or German prisoners were brought to the Winter Hill encampment. During their stay, they brought with them the practice of Christmas trees and the game of Keg Legging, now known as bowling.
- American martyr, Captain Nathan Hale, spent the last year of his life Ranger training on Winter Hill. After volunteering to be one of General Washington's spies, he was captured by the British

and executed. The famous patriot's last words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.

The residents of Winter Hill witnessed or were part of the British chase of Paul Revere, the Battle of Lexington that ended in Somerville, the Siege of Boston, an American training camp, and a Hessian prisoner of war camp. For over half of the eight-year Revolutionary War, Winter Hill residents suffered greatly. For the rest of the revolution, they were not called upon, but they served anyway.

Today, Winter Hill Park is a federal park and the smallest in the nation. It honors the sacrifices of those heroes.

Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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Upcoming VOX POP events

"A Conversation with East Somerville" presented by East Somerville Main Streets Thu, May 23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

East Somerville Main Streets in collaboration Somerville Media Center present "A Conversation with East Somerville" on Thursday, May 23rd from 6:30-8:30PM at Somerville Media Center's new pop up location - VOX POP at Assembly Row.

All are welcome to attend an evening of discussion about East Somerville.

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be an opening mixer and community input session followed by a recorded panel discussion featuring business owners, city officials and East Somerville Main Streets.

"We will be discussing what is happening in East Somerville including upcoming public events and programming, new public art work, what the local businesses are doing and more!"

About East Somerville Main Streets: Our mission is to improve the life of our community by building investment, connection and pride in our main street. We do this through a variety of ways including: strengthening and promoting East Somerville as a remarkable and unique cultural destination, known for celebrating its traditions and heritage and maintaining the community's diversity and by enhancing social connectedness within the neighborhood.

Free Yoga at Vox Pop: Warrior Groove Yoga

Wed, May 29, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join All Yoga Pants and Linda Wellness Warrior for an evening yoga practice for all levels. The yoga session will be a combination of yoga and sound with a dj playing beats to get you into the groove. Attendance is free, please bring a mat but we have extra if you need it. There will be a post-yoga mingle after the class with some treats. Maximum participants 30. Sign up now https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yoga-at-vox-pop-warrior-groove-yoga-with-linda-wells-tick-ets-62009094872.

Communal Connections

Thu, May 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Theydies and Gentlethems welcome to Communal Connections! A space filled with different media from the greater Somerville area highlighting the talented artists in our local community. Communal Connections aims to be a space where sound and sight blend and build off of each other. Please stop by and enjoy a lovely night filled with lovely art.

Boston Free Radio LIVE: Come Dance!

Mon, June 3, 6:00 − 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the sounds, podcasts, talk shows and music of rotating DJs from Boston Free Radio You can dance, listen, chill and tour VOX POP too. Some events will also have studio audience seating for select BFR events. This will go out LIVE onto http://www.bostonfreeradio.com

"Building your Personal Brand" Workshop hosted by WIFVNE

Mon, June 3, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come meet the creative members and team behind the Women in Film & Video of New England (WIFVNE) and prepare to be inspired! YOU are a BRAND! What will people's first impression of you be based on a Google search? Everything you do online leaves behind breadcrumbs of information about you. What sort of trail are you leaving? FIND OUT! We will talk about ways to clean up the crumbs and build a strong personal presence on the web. This workshop is led by Alecia Orsini, WIFVNE President.

Mixer: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Presentation: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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— Cindy Veach

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- 8. A verb that accepts one or more objects
- 9. The Palazzo and The Venetian
- 10. Match-related items, like matchbox labels, matchboxes, matchbooks, etc.
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- 12. Art Paul

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

From the Bloc 11 Cafe: Interview with jo jo lazar

A woman who brings the burlesque to her performance and art

Usually when someone comes to meet me in the back of the Bloc 11 Cafe in Somerville they find a white-bearded, bald guy hunched over a bagel or a newspaper – contemplating the meaning of meaning or whether it's chicken or meatloaf for dinner. They are cautious in their approach – calculating in their movements. This was not the case with the multi-talented Somerville artist/performer jojo lazar. She burst into my quiet cocoon like a jovial Ethel Merman, as if, "everything is coming up roses" as the song goes. And indeed lazar is a performer and that is evident the first time you meet her.

jojo lazar was born in Washington, DC. She received a BA in three majors from Brandeis University and received her MFA in creative writing from Lesley University. She is a Boston-based performance artist/vaudevillian known as "the burlesque poetess" as well as the tenor ukulele player in the circus band Walter Sickert & The Army of Broken Toys. She is the host of salon gone wrong: evenings of poetry & delinquency, and has been creating and distributing a zine, niblet, since 2004.

Doug Holder: Tell me how all roads eventually led you to Somerville?

jojo lazar: I became familiar with the Boston area's vibrant poetry scene when I went to summer camps at various college campuses in the area. On weekends we used to take trips to Harvard Square. So I got a good taste of the milieu. So around the tender age of 14 or 15, I decided that I wanted to live up here. I found the area to be like a manageable New York City. My parents went to Harvard, and my sister went to Mt. Holyoke, so I was in familiar grounds. When I came here to go to Brandeis I was into the burlesque scene. I was greatly influenced by Amanda Palmer. I never thought that I would still be into her in my 30s. In 2007 I attended the Somerville Arts Beat Festival. I said to myself, "What a wonderful vibe." My partner and I live near the Tufts campus. Our neighbors are chefs. It's great to be around people that are doing something creative. We haven't forgot our person-hood.

DH: What do you think about the gentrification of Somerville?

jjl: Well, I see it slipping in, like Williamsburg in Brooklyn. I am not saying we are in a black hole yet, but of course it is closely watched on my radar.

DH: Do you make a living solely through your art? **jjl:** Well ... I have taught at Lesley University and the ukulele at the Passim School of Music. But basically any money I make comes from my rock band.

DH: You were an assistant to the Pulitzer-winning poet Franz Wright at Brandeis. Tell me about that experience?

jjl: Yes, I knew Wright from before this from his readings, etc. When I was a student, the head of the English Department hired Wright as a visiting creative writer. I was his informal TA. His workshop was very informal. I would help him run the workshop. Franz read from his father's work and whatever he had been reading, etc. He was scattered and confusing.

DH: Was he a good teacher?

jjl: It all depends what you were looking to get out of the class. He was a real genuine character with an imposing and beautiful mind. Many students were in love with him. Many of the participants in the workshop had read his work and were enamored. Basically, we came to see the Franz Wright show and hear his lectures.

DH: How was he on a one to one basis?

jjl: When it came to interpersonal communications, who knows? He was never mean or negative. It was like asking a poet about your work rather than a professor. An average creative writing teacher would have comments about form, etc. With him, who knows? Someone handed him a six-page paper that he free-wrote while having a drug experience of some kind. Wright commented to the student, "I don't know if a lot of this works, but I am so moved about what you are trying for



here." It was different.

I was in charge of keeping him focused. I was sort of the person who took care of the details, like emails, etc., so he could continue being the wild poet. When I had a one-on-one with him he sort of let me know he had no idea what to do with my work. He had read my poems in class, but I really couldn't tell what he thought of them. He said something like, "So you write small narratives about your friends." I was mortified. I thought, he thought I was not profound. He wasn't negative or cruel. It was more like it is what it is. Mind you, this is over a decade ago. Now I don't get dragged down by it.

DH: Tell us about the band you are a member of?

jjl: It is the Walter Sickert & The Army of Broken Toys. Walter Sickert is the founder of the band. I met the band on Myspace. I was sort of an opening act for them at first. I did my burlesque comedian shtick. We toured around the region, visiting coffee shops, cabarets, etc. We are considered a Steampunk band. In Somerville we played at Art Beat, Johnny D's, the Somerville Theatre, and we always have our *Slutcracker* at The Somerville Theatre. Now I am a musician with the band as well.

DH: You describe yourself as a vaudevillian. I always think of the vaudeville my late father and grandfather told me about as a kid; that were often staged at Yiddish theaters of the day.

jjl: You know, I was interviewed right out of college by the Jewish Women's Archive. They were interested about my act as the "Burlesque Jewess." They asked me what I think of my heritage as a Jewish comedian. And I realized I only knew a bare minimum. So I asked a friend of the family Lawrence Epstein, author of *The Tortured Smile*, a book about Jewish comedy. He told me many of the old vaudevillians never made the transition from Yiddish to English, so they have been forgotten. I wanted to let you know my generation is interested in preserving things like vaudeville, but more importantly physical objects that are being lost to the digital world. We accept technology, but we make tangible things.

DH: Your poetry seems to consists of found things, text and images. How would you describe your poetry? **jjl:** Well it is under the tag found poetry, experimental poetry. I find the way into my work one way or the other. I choose a parameter to write in, be it a prompt or whatever. Whatever works. I whittle it down to a syllabic structure. I have learned to trust my subconscious.

DH: Any parting shots?

jjl: I would ask for folks to go to http://patreon.com/walteralicesickert.com to support our band and other artists





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