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Sections of Webster Ave. have no bike lanes, making for hazardous conditions cyclists as well as frustrating situations for motorists.
— Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Jim Clark

Somerville resident, Dr. Geren Stone, has been living through something of an ordeal for nearly two years. Now, after a lengthy investigative and legal process, the wheels of justice have finally come to a stop and a sense of closure has prevailed.

In September of 2015, Stone was struck from behind by a man driving a truck on Webster Ave. in Cambridge while commuting on his bicycle to his job at Mass General Hospital.

According to Stone, just prior to being struck, the driver of the vehicle honked his horn and shouted profanities and admonished him to "get off the road." Stone was then struck by the vehicle and was knocked to the ground. He sustained light injuries, but had his wrist broken in the fall.

Several witnesses came to

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City salutes heroes who served their home and country

By Donald Norton

In a weekend full of honors for our veterans here in the city, one event that has been going on now for a few years that has stood out in particular is the Heroes Salute.

A good turnout of a few hundred people gathered together to hear about this year's honorees and their contributions to both country and the city.

The stories of those from Somerville who were honored included Ernest J. Bosia, who served in the US Army and was killed in action October 26, 1944 in France; Daniel B. Duffy Jr., a US Marine who was killed in action April 24, 1966; James Marques, a member of the Army who received the Purple Heart in Korea; and Hugh F. McQuaid, another Army man who received a Purple Heart in WWI.

Also, this year's 2017 inductees in the "Greatest Generation Hall of Fame" were Lawrence Bolt US Army, William B.

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Former Somerville Mayor Eugene Brune was awarded the first annual Profile in Courage Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Heroes Salute ceremony.
— Photo by Donald Norton

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

There's a new candidate in Ward 4 to fill the **Board of Aldermen** seat presently held by **Tony Lafuente**, who has decided to retire for the time being. **Omar Boukili**, former aide to our **Mayor Joe Curtatone**, is officially running for the Alderman seat. He notified us of his campaign kickoff the other day. Short notice as it was held this past Monday night the **Old Magoun Saloon** in Magoun Square. A good amount of family, friends and supporters showed up to wish him a victory. We have to say he's got a great resume, and he's been out knocking on doors these past few weeks, so he told us. It should be an exciting time in Ward 4 for the seat covering Winter Hill and Ten Hills.

FYI, we counted five former and present mayors at **Alderman Bob McWatters'** campaign kickoff last week. And by the way, we heard that his opponent was telling some residents of Ward 3 that Bob takes money from developers. We know that some other aldermen are behind the candidacy of his opponent and they like to spread lies. Check it out for yourself. Go online and check his donation disclosures. We found not one developer.

Congratulations to **Claudia and Sal Ferro**, who are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary this week. A great couple, we hear they're going to go to one of their favorite places, the city of Gloucester. We certainly wish them both many more happy years together. Claudia is our own photographer for the paper. She does a great job and is

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Comments of the Week

Response to: The new Somerville High School

PeterH says:

A wonderful piece of educational writing, and one of the best this newspaper has had in years. So thank you Joe Beckmann for your insight into Somerville today, and for your vision to the future. And for those of you who don't know Joe – and live in Union Sq – go search him out and find him. He's got lots of good stuff to say.

Matt says:

Great information Joe, While I am not there yet on a rosy picture afterall the city is spending over a quarter of a BILLION dollars in a high school (before any cost over-runs) and essentially has a blank check from tax payers in the form of the override for as long as it takes to pay for it that was voted on last year. Having lived in the city going on 15 years, I appreciate all the improvements I have seen, but I think this is more than a bit over the top.

JPHM says:

I am a Somerville homeowner and I 100% support this new High School...even if it means me paying more real estate taxes. This is exactly what we should be investing in. The current High School is an old mess and needs replacing. I am happy to invest on the future of Somerville's children, and I don't have kids! From a purely selfish point of view, I can't see it hurting home prices either.

Response to: Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

JJ says:

Glad to see Somerville is pushing for better bike infrastructure, but sharrows shouldn't be counted in the miles of road/path for safe biking along with dedicated bike lanes and bike paths. Auto drivers are required to share the road with bicyclists on all roads, regardless of sharrows. All sharrows do is reiterate the law for any road, but worse they make some drivers think that on non-sharrow roads they don't have to share the road. They do nothing to protect bicyclists. If you really want to protect bicyclists, you need to take some of the two-way streets that are already too narrow for 2 cars to fit, change them to one-way and add a bike lane. The good bike infrastructure that does exist often has no safe way for a bicyclist to get to it, so it ends up under-used.

Matt says:

TheoNa – Most other towns don't have 5-9 cars associated with 30 feet of frontage. Our current method of permitting does nothing to reduce the number of cars per building,

JJ – I agree with you on your comment on sharrows, There needs to be a plan that feeds bikers into specific routes (like a highway system). This would help to keep the bulk of bikers off less bike friendly streets and promote the cities commitment to alternatives to cars.

Think about this – What would be the best bit of bike infrastructure, the community path, is not bikeable during peak hours because of pedestrians (whom it was built for). It is far easier, and imho, safer to bike on Morrison which has great pavement, is nice and wide and has infrequent traffic and is pretty flat (compared to highland or broadway). I would love to see the city designate and help people navigate to these best bike routes.

Response to: LGBTQ Pride Flag Raising on SHS Concourse

Courtney O'Keefe says:

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

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John Connolly

Activists, elected officials and utilities come together on gas leaks

By Karina Wilkinson

On Saturday, May 20, Mothers Out Front held a public forum on gas leaks, attended by 54 residents, elected officials, climate activists and representatives from Eversource and National Grid, at the East Somerville Community School.

Massachusetts consumers pay for wasted, harmful methane gas that leaks from pipes beneath the streets. The amount of gas seeping out in Greater Boston alone could heat 200,000 homes. Meanwhile, leaking gas boosts the Commonwealth's climate-changing emissions by as much as 10 percent. Leaked gas speeds up climate change, kills trees, and makes asthma worse.

Jessica Garrett of Somerville Mothers Out Front gave background on the issue and the MOF gas leaks campaign, stating, "There are more than 16,000 gas leaks in Massachusetts. Natural gas is 95% methane, a 'greenhouse gas on steroids' that is 86 times more damaging than CO2 in its first 20 years in the atmosphere... and just seven percent of the leaks that have been surveyed contribute 50% of total methane emissions. We call these 'super emitters.'"

Dr. Nathan Phillips, professor in Earth and Environment Department at Boston University and gas leaks researcher, said, "I'm a huge fan of Mothers Out Front

and am here as a dad and a scientist." He has researched and mapped gas leaks in Boston and Somerville. "Gas Leaks are a problem for Greater Boston and the entire Eastern seaboard because of aging gas infrastructure." He noted that over time, methane emission has increased much faster than that of carbon dioxide, and now accounts for 10% of the state's greenhouse gas emissions. He explained that about 2.7% of gas delivered is either wasted or unaccounted for, which amounts to a \$90 million loss to consumers in the value of gas.

Zeyneb Magavi from MOF Cambridge discussed the collaborative study between Mothers Out Front, Allies, Eversource Gas, National Grid, and Columbia Gas "to determine the best available, scalable, reliable method to identify and prioritize the largest leaks or find and fix the big ones." Next fall, the groups will hold a summit jointly hosted by Harvard and MIT to share data, best practices, and challenges uncovered by the study. She praised the fact that community, corporations and government working together to meet the challenge.

State representative Christine Barber, lead sponsor of the gas leaks legislation House bill H.2683, "An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas," addressed the issue of cost to



Mothers Out Front volunteers with State Representative Christine Barber.

Massachusetts consumers.

Barber said, "I see this [bill] as a common-sense consumer protection policy, that is do-able." She remarked, "Our communities deserve safe and healthy energy." She noted that similar bills have been passed in both Texas and Pennsylvania.

State Senator Pat Jehlen said, "The gas leaks campaign is a powerful plan to save energy, save money, reduce pollution, and slow climate change. Thanks to Mothers Out Front for leading the way."

Bob McWatters, Ward 3 Alderman, Chair of Public Utilities and Vice Chair of Open Space, said, "Some trees have been dying in the city, some but not all are dying because of gas leaks. Thanks to Mothers Out Front for helping us and for your activism." He wants to start an inventory of Somerville's trees, with the help of Somerville's newly hired full time arborist, Vanessa Boukili, who was in attendance.

Bill Zamparelli community relations and economic development representative at Eversource remarked "We are in the business of gas," and stated that they will continue to work with MOF and HEET and applauded all the efforts made.

MOF member Randi Smith Soltysiak responded, "I know you said you're in the business of gas, but I want to encourage you to make a swift, complete and just

transition to clean, renewable energy."

Amy Smith, Gas Pipeline Safety Director at National Grid, expressed that she is excited to be working together on the pilot study. She noted that 2016 was the first time National Grid fixed more leaks in Somerville than they found. She said there are 16 miles of leak prone pipe in Somerville that needs replacing. Currently they replace a mile a year, and she noted that National Grid is committed to eliminating all gas leaks over the next 10 years. She asked for residents' patience with streets being dug up. When asked about barriers to fixing leaks, she mentioned the super-emitter in Sullivan Square, which is under MBTA tracks, and would require "shutting down the Orange Line" to fix.

Bonnie Cohen, leading MOF Somerville Gas Leaks Campaign, spoke about what moved her to take action on climate change. She recalled super storm Matthew, which last year hit the Caribbean, where her adopted son's extended family lives. "Those tragedies will not wait." She urged attendees to join Mothers Out Front, and to support the Consumer Cost Protection Act sponsored by representative Barber.

For more information, go to www.MothersOutFront.org or search #FixTheLeaksMA on Facebook, and see a map of Somerville's leaks at squeakyleak.org.

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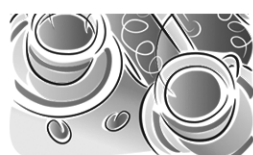
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For a legal consultation appointment, please call Maura Mendoza at 617-615-6600 x6958 or email mmendoza@k12.somerville.ma.us.

The SFLC Community Clothing Closet, a resource for free clothing for families in need, will be open.

Room 12, Cummings School Building (42 Prescott St.)

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Unwanted, but he didn't know why

A police officer was dispatched to the Dunkin' Donuts on Somerville Ave. last week on reports of an unwanted person. Upon arrival, the officer was met by the day manager of the store, who reportedly said that a man, later identified as Chikh Toure, refused to leave the premises after being asked to do so numerous times. The manager pointed Toure out to the officer as he stood outside the exiting doors smoking a cigarette. The officer informed Toure that the store management was no longer accepting him as a costumer and asked him to leave the premises. However, Toure reportedly just smiled and said he would leave the premises after he finished smoking his cigarette. The officer once again asked Toure to leave the premises and smoke his cigarette at a different location, but again Toure refused and said he was still smoking his cigarette. According to reports, as the officer continued asking Toure to leave, became upset and said that he was not leaving until he retrieved his belongings that he left inside the Dunkin' Donuts. The officer then reportedly told Toure that he would go inside with him to retrieve his belongings, but he then asked why. The officer once again asked Toure to go inside to retrieve his belongings, but he again replied with, "Why?" The officer entered the store to retrieve Toure's belongings, which consisted of a red baseball cap and a plastic bag of unknown contents. The officer then handed the items to Toure and again asked him to leave the premises and he once again answered with, "Why?" After numerous attempts by management and the officer in asking Mr. Toure to leave the premises, Toure was placed under arrest for trespassing.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:				
Chikh Toure , May 15, 6:42 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of trespassing.	charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, larceny from a person, and assault and battery on a family or household member.	charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.	Manuel Perez , of 118.5 Valley St., Providence, RI, May 16, 4:48 p.m., arrested at Bond St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and drug possession to distribute.	a.m., arrested at Dane St. on charges of failure to stop or yield, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop for police.
Mariano Rosa , of 93 Pearl St., May 15, 8:12 a.m., arrested at home on warrant	Manuel Teixeira , of 10B Memorial Rd., May 16, 1:06 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant	Jose Pena , of 568 Market St., Lowell, May 16, 4:48 p.m., arrested at Bond St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and distribution of a class A drug.	Ely Dasilva , of 22 Columbia Rd., Medford, May 19, 8:28	

Closure and justice served for cycling hit and run victim

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Stone's aid, and their eyewitness testimony, in conjunction with surveillance video that recorded the incident, helped lead Cambridge police to a suspect in the matter, Christopher Campbell, 49, of Medford, just a few weeks later. Campbell was arraigned on January 8, 2016, and after being tried on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and leaving the scene of personal injury, was found guilty of all charges on May 17 of this year. In a statement provided to *The Somerville Times* at the time of Campbell's arrest, Stone said, "I am very thankful to the Cambridge and Somerville Police for all their efforts finding and identifying the suspect. It has been a community effort with *The Somerville Times*, *Fox News*, and other local media covering the story and providing the images, and the public helping the police locate the suspect. I hope that these efforts can continue to make the roads safer for all, whether bicyclist, motorist, or pedestrian." In last week's ruling, Cambridge District Court Judge Michele Hogan sentenced Campbell to one year in the House of Correction with 90 days to serve and the balance suspended for two years. Additionally, he was ordered to take courses in anger management and safe driving. The court also ruled that Campbell was to have no contact with Stone. In response to the outcome of Campbell's trial, Stone told *The Times* that he hopes we all can work together to make our roads safer as we move forward.



Video surveillance footage helped police to identify and locate the perpetrator of the hit-and-run incident.

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Duffy, US Navy – also in the Somerville Fire Department – and Alfred Soccorso, US Navy.

This year, the Commission decided to present a new award entitled the Profile in Courage Lifetime Achievement Award, and as the first recipient they chose none other than Former Mayor Gene Brune. What a tribute and, more importantly, what service he gave to our country as a veteran himself, along with his many years in public life as alderman, mayor and Middlesex County Register of Deeds. A lifetime of service spanning decades, continuing to this day.

Brune brought the city together in the 80's as the then longest serving mayor, 1980 to 1989. His administration started a lot of things here in the city, which he and the residents can be very proud of.

A video of all the recipients for these awards was shown at the ceremony, making all Somervillians very proud.

— Photos by Donald Norton



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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on roll calls from late April sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

ADOPTION TAX CREDIT (H 3600)
House 47-110, rejected an amendment that would give adoptive parents up to a \$1,000 tax credit to cover adoption expenses.

Amendment supporters said this will encourage more adoption and help these selfless parents meet some of the expenses which can amount to thousands of dollars.

Amendment opponents said the sponsors did not do a cost analysis to determine what the fiscal impact on the state budget and other programs would be.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$1,000 tax credit. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

CREATE COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY COMMISSION (H 3600)
House 38-120, rejected an amendment that would create a 16-member College Affordability Commission to examine the contributing factors to rising costs at colleges and universities. The committee would hold public hearings and provide the Legislature with its findings and recommendations by March 1, 2018.

Amendment supporters said rising costs are pricing students out of college or leaving them with huge student loan debts.

Amendment opponents said the Committee on Higher Education has a Subcommittee on Student Loans and Debt that is already working on this issue.

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

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

LICENSING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISERS (H 3600)
House 27-131, rejected an amendment that would require special education advisors to be regulated and licensed by the state. Special education advisors help the families of special education needs children navigate through the complicated world of special education and advise them on understanding their rights and how to receive appropriate services for their child.

The regulations would be drafted by the state's Special Education Advisory Council which is comprised of individuals involved in or concerned with the education of children with disabilities.

Supporters said special education advisors currently are completely unregulated and do not need a license or any minimum amount of training.

Opponents said they don't necessarily oppose the licensing and regulation of these advisors but argued the idea has not been debated at length and/or subject to a public hearing. They questioned whether the Special Education Advisory Council should be the entity that drafts the regulations.

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring special education advisors to be licensed and regulated. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

CONTINUE BUDGET SESSION AFTER 9 P.M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT
House 127-31, suspended rules to allow the House to meet beyond 9 p.m. and continue until midnight if necessary.

Supporters of rule suspension said it is important to remain in session to finish action on the very important state budget.

Opponents of rule suspension said it is irresponsible for the House to act on the budget late at night when taxpayers are asleep.

The House session continued until 10:16 p.m.

(A "Yes" vote is for allowing the session to continue beyond 9 p.m. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RAPISTS AND PARENTAL RIGHTS (S 832) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would take away the parental rights of convicted rapists. The measure prohibits convicted rapists from getting custody of or obtaining visitation rights to see the child born from the rape. It also allows the courts, despite this termination of rights, to require that the perpetrator of the rape pay child support.

NO PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR MURDERERS (H 2285) - The Judiciary Committee is also considering a bill that would remove a child from the custody of his or her parent who is convicted of murdering the child's other parent.

The measure provides a few exemptions including allowing custody by the convicted parent if the child requests it and the court determines that the child is mature enough to make such a decision. Another exemption allows custody if the convicted parent suffered from physical, sexual or psychological abuse from the murdered parent.

TAX CREDIT FOR ELECTRIC AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES (H 2585) - A bill before the Revenue Committee would provide a tax credit of up to \$20,000 for taxpayers who purchase a new vehicle that is primarily fueled by an alternative fuel including electricity, liquid petroleum gas, natural gas or hydrogen fuel.

BAN MOST OUT-OF-STATE USE OF EBT CARDS (H 106) - The Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities Committee held a hearing on legislation that would prohibit welfare recipients from using their Electronic Bank Transfer (EBT) cards in any state other than Massachusetts and its border states of Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Supporters say reports have shown that \$2.3 million was used on EBT cards in Florida and substantial amounts in California and St. Thomas. They said it seems that

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some people might be vacationing on taxpayer dollars.

Opponents say less than one percent of EBT dollars is spent out of state. They noted this “over the top” amendment would prevent someone from using money even to attend a family member’s funeral out of state.

BAN CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES (H 1878) - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on a measure prohibiting the use of cell phones by drivers in a school zone. Violators would be fined \$100 for a first offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$300 for subsequent offenses.

TOBACCO LAWS - The Public Health Committee’s hearing included proposals that would require all food and beverages sold through vending machines located in government buildings be limited to items that comply with the nutritional standards established by the state’s commissioner of public health (S 1217); raise from 18 to 21 the minimum age at which a person can purchase cigarettes or other tobacco products (S 1178); and require stores that sell tobacco products to conspicuously post signage informing consumers that smoking cessation programs are available at www.makesmokinghistory.org and The Smokers Helpline at 1-800-Quit-Now 1-800-784-8669 (S 1271).

ENSURE PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE IS AVAILABLE DURING EMERGENCIES (H 1178) - Another proposal at the Public Health Committee hearing would require the state to de-

velop and publicize a statewide plan for ensuring the availability of prescription medications during a state of emergency.

The plan would include allowing early refills of prescriptions, ensuring that vehicles delivering medications to pharmacies and hospitals are treated as emergency vehicles and establishing a toll-free telephone number and a website for citizens to get assistance in locating prescription medication.

SEATBELT AWARENESS MONTH AND ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH - On May 18, the House gave initial approval to a bill (H 1716) designating June as Seatbelt Awareness Month to “increase awareness of the importance of seatbelt safety.”

On that same day, despite the month of May being more than half over, the House hastily gave initial approval to a proposal (H 3360) designating May as Asian American Pacific Islander, in recognition of “the significant contributions Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders have made to the commonwealth.”

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 im-

portant 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 15-19, the House met for a total of 27 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 23 minutes.

Mon. May 15	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Tues. May 16	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 17	No House session No Senate session.
Thurs. May 18	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Fri. May 19	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
96 Putnam Rd	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	22	\$519,000	\$553,000
36 Bond St	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	23	\$549,900	\$562,000
26 Hinckley St	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	14	\$619,000	\$701,000
81 Yorktown St	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	20	\$700,000	\$760,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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

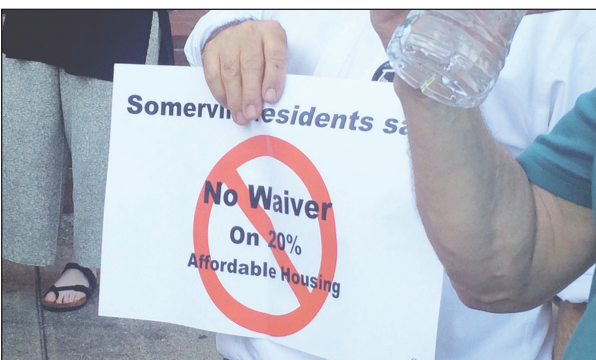
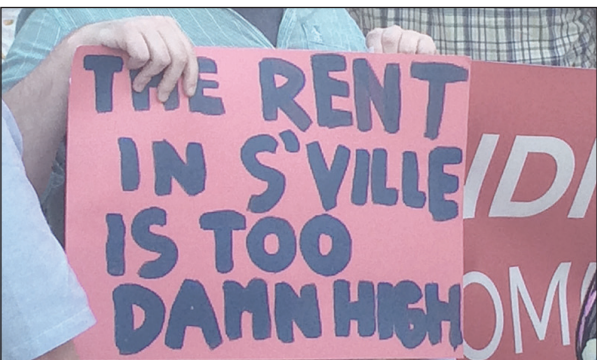
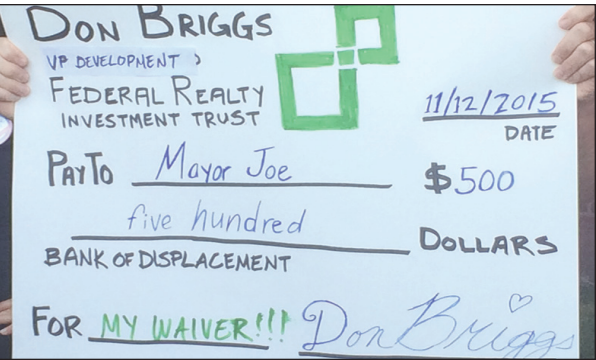
Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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

Rally against Federal Realty's alternative waiver proposal

A rally took place last Thursday in opposition to Federal Realty Investment Trust's (FRIT) proposed alternative to the city's 20% affordable housing requirement. The rally, which took place at Somerville City Hall, was sponsored by Somerville's Affordable Housing Organizing Committee, Cambridge Somerville for Change, Indivisible Somerville, Our Revolution Somerville, Somerville Community Corp., Union United and The Welcome Project.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Pasta Fagioli

One of the most recognized dishes of Italy, pasta fagioli or the phonetic version, pasta fazool, is simply delicious and satisfying. This "peasant" dish can be prepared and cooked in a short period of time and makes a great starter for a small dinner party. It can also be served as a main dish with a side of crusty bread for mopping up the sauce, also known as Scarpetta. This recipe can be easily adapted to make it vegetarian.

- 2 Tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 4 oz Pancetta, diced
- 1 Medium Onion, small dice
- 3 Medium Carrots, small dice
- 3 Celery Stalks, small dice
- 3 Garlic Cloves, minced
- 1/2 Teaspoon Thyme
- 1/2 Teaspoon Rosemary Powder, or

- 1 stalk
- 1 - 15.5 oz can of Black Beans
- 1 - 15.5 oz can of Cannellini Beans
- 1 - 15 oz can of Diced Tomatoes
- 6 Cups of Water
- 1-1/2 Tablespoons Chicken Soup Base
- 8 oz Ditalini Pasta
- Salt & Pepper to Taste
- Parmesan or Pecorino, grated

Add the olive oil and pancetta to a 6 quart pot over medium heat and render down the pancetta. This will take about 5 minutes. Add the onions, carrots and celery to the pot and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Add the garlic, thyme and rosemary, stir to incorporate. After another minute, add the beans with all can contents, tomatoes, water and soup base. Cook for an additional 10 minutes. Turn the heat up until the contents of the pot comes



to a boil. Add the pasta and cook per the instructions on the box. Taste and add salt and pepper if needed. Serve immediately with grated cheese and a

side of crusty bread. Serves 6.

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief>.

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Election 2017 update

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

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

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

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

— Donald Norton

Traffic pollution community meeting

The Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP), in collaboration with Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health (CAFEH), will be holding a community meeting on Saturday, June 17, at the East Somerville Community School. There will be presentations and discussion on traffic pollution in Somerville and what you can do to reduce your exposure at home and outside. From 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



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Union Square Portraits:

Conversations about America – with Wilson

By JT Thompson

Wilson: Kenyan, mid 50s, transplanted to New York City in 1978, in 9th grade, when his father was posted to the Kenyan mission at the UN. Wilson now works as a server on the banquet staff at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge; he bought a condo in Union Square in 2004, and became a US citizen in 2008.

Wilson is a large, jolly presence – he has a round, boyish face, a big round belly, a frequent, hearty laugh, and gestures animatedly with his hands while speaking. We are sitting by the window in a Union Square café; he is wearing jeans, a well worn, brown leather jacket, a blue hoodie and a grey t-shirt. Articulate, good humored and thoughtful, Wilson is “an avid watcher of US politics” and likes living in Blue, liberal leaning Somerville.

“Don’t get me wrong,” he says. “Conservatives have a place in the national fabric. But being around like-minded people in Somerville is fun for me.”

Wilson was born in Nairobi, Kenya’s capital, and grew up speaking Kikuyu with his mother; a mixture of Kikuyu and English with his father; Swahili



Union Square resident, Wilson.

with his friends; and English at school or at offices. Kikuyu is his tribal language, Swahili is Kenya’s national language, and English, a holdover from colonial days, is the country’s official language.

From his childhood in Nairobi, Wilson’s most beloved memories are of the East African Safari Rally.

“I think it’s known as the hardest car rally in the world. It would come through once a year,

and we would all line up along the road to see the cars go by. It was incredible.

“We kids would make our own toy cars. I was in a middle class neighborhood, and the poor kids near us were much more creative than us. They would make really good, big toy cars out of all kinds of stuff. We mostly just

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COMMENTARY

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Open letter from Mayor Curtatone on Assembly Row affordable housing

Last week in Somerville, we hammered out a solution that will create new housing in Assembly Square and, ultimately, 80-93 new affordable housing units at Assembly and throughout the city. It marks a tangible result for people who care about expanding the amount of affordable housing in our community. Some people feel raw about that outcome because they wanted more, but the reality is the advocacy on this issue helped us achieve what we did.

Let me delve into the particulars: the crux of the issue was whether Federal Realty would build its new block with 12.5% of the 500 units being affordable (63), as had been our standard when we signed the agreements on Assembly Row years ago, or at 20% (100 affordable units) per the City's new inclusionary zoning ordinance that we passed last year. The argument for the 20% was pretty straightforward: we need more affordable housing and Federal Realty stands to make a good chunk of money off this project.

Yet the developer had a strong case as well: we unilaterally changed the terms and conditions around which the original deal was struck, and Federal Realty has shown good faith in the past (including helping to fund the Assembly Row T stop and building a new waterfront park). Also, our new 20% inclusionary ordinance allows developers to build bonus units to offset the extra costs, but this developer cannot build those units under their state permit granted years ago. Because of that, Federal is the only developer in the city allowed to apply for a waiver on the new 20% rule. The ordinance itself recognizes Assembly

Square is a special case.

The fundamental problem with denying Federal Realty's waiver request comes down to a simple bird-in-hand situation: specifically 80+ in hand versus 100 in the bush. When costs suddenly rise significantly due to a change in requirements, a national development company like Federal can choose to invest in more lucrative projects, leaving this one to wait, potentially for years. That's not a threat from them; it's just a business decision. Meanwhile, no affordable housing is being built, the City isn't receiving the fees for the building permits (\$3.5 million), no taxes are being collected on the new housing and the new residents aren't spending their money in our local businesses. There was a very real chance this could have turned into a hollow victory where we get nothing.

What we needed was a concrete agreement that would generate more affordable units. So I had our planning staff crunch the numbers and we determined that, by leveraging the city's 100 Homes program, we could use some of the Federal Realty money needed to construct affordable units to significantly increase the amount of affordable housing. We verified the figures with the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC), which is our community partner in the 100 Homes program, and asked Federal Realty if it was amenable to the idea.

The agreement we struck will build half of the new affordable units in the original proposal (6.25% or 31 units) on-site in Assembly Square. The value of the other half will be put toward acquiring housing to be converted into

affordable units in our existing residential neighborhoods, anywhere from East Somerville to Davis Square. With cash from the program, our partners at SCC can compete against house flippers and buy and protect units that are close to schools, neighborhood squares, and the future Green Line stops. The great thing about 100 Homes is that it will also produce more family-sized units than a tower in Assembly Row.

Our estimate is we can increase the total to at least 80 affordable units, or 16%, and potentially 93 units (18.5%) or more. That's far more than the 63 units at 12.5% or the 0 units had this project not been built. People said they wanted more than 12.5% and we found a way.

As a mayor, I try to help the most people I can as often as I can. Risking the 80+ affordable units we will be able to offer now would have been an irresponsible gamble that could have adversely impacted dozens of families.

In government, we don't always get exactly what we wanted or what we originally planned. When Ikea pulled out of Assembly Square we figured out how to get the infrastructure built and ultimately the biggest employer in New England, Partners Health Care, built its headquarters there (where it now employs more than 4,000 people). When the Green Line extension ran into cost overruns, we made sure a scaled-down version still met our needs and now it's moving toward the major construction phase.

We have to be creative and we have to be willing to work with people. And in the case of building affordable

housing, we have to be willing to work with developers, because that's who will be doing the actual construction. If we have an antagonistic and unpredictable development climate, we stand to get 20% of nothing.

Across metro Boston, we need 435,000 new housing units at every price point to meet pent up demand (to put that in perspective, that's about 10 to 12 Somerville's worth of housing stock). That's what's spiking the cost of living for everyone in this area. The only way we're going to achieve some kind of normalcy is if every community builds both the market rate and affordable housing we need. Somerville is determined to build its share, and Assembly is one more step forward.

I want to thank the people who came out and advocated for more affordable housing. We need that kind of passion and involvement on every local issue, and it made a difference in this case. People called for something better and we burned the midnight oil trying to deliver it. This was a complex issue and we found a way to help significantly more families in our community. Good intentions are great. Good deeds are better.

We – and when I say we I mean everybody from the community advocates to Federal Realty to the staff at city hall – managed to do some good deeds here. Real people are going to get real help. It may not be perfect, but it's good. Nobody gets to die perfect, but when I go I want people to say I did a lot of good. We did some good here, and it might be a model we can use in the future to do even better.

— Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Union Square Portraits: Conversations about America CONT. FROM PG 9

used cigarette boxes, with bottle tops for wheels."

When Wilson was 12, his father was appointed Press Attaché at the Kenyan embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"Ethiopia was strange in that we mostly stayed in the embassy compound, playing soccer and hanging out. It was a tough time in Ethiopia. The military junta, the Derg, had just taken power, after deposing Emperor Selassie, and we only left the embassy to go to school. They would pile all of us embassy kids in a jeep to drive us there. It was always a lot of fun to get out of the compound.

"When we moved to New York City, it was a real culture shock." Wilson raises his arms

and spreads them wide for emphasis. "Right there in the Upper East Side, the UN International School. The kids were so sophisticated.

"Ethiopia was very simple. "A kid took me to Chinatown. I mean, wow, how do you find your way home? It seemed so complicated.

"And the sirens – oh, my God, what's happening? The buildings, the tightness of space, the elevators. It was all on a different scale, a different intensity.

"Kids who knew the city inside and out amazed me, getting around everywhere without their parents.

"I could hardly say a word in class, I was too shy to speak. I was really intimidated." Wilson

laughs at the memory. "Then you figure it out – street signs, the way the city is organized."

Wilson went on from New York to get an undergraduate degree at Rutgers in political science, and then a master's at Yale in international relations. He moved to Boston in 1987 for a job at Abt Associates, an international development research organization, then was laid off after two years. He stayed in Boston and started working as a freelance journalist, supporting himself with day jobs in restaurants.

"I wanted to only work in the high end restaurants, but you have to have a lot of experience to be a waiter there. So I was working as a busboy at

the Charles Hotel, and writing on the side."

Between 1989 and 2005 Wilson wrote about 80-90 articles, mostly features and some book reviews, for, among others, The Boston Globe, Boston Review, the London Guardian and Harvard Magazine.

Then financial pressure from relatives in Kenya gradually pushed him away from writing, and he eventually made the move from being a busboy to doing banquet work.

"Banquet work is considered THE thing," Wilson laughs. "At the fancy hotels, the pay is quite good. It's a little unpredictable, it can be feast or famine, but it's good work."

In 2004, Wilson had saved

enough that he was able to buy his condo.

I ask him if things that he loves about America are coming to mind.

Wilson laughs. "When I first came – milkshakes from McDonald's. I really loved them."

Then, more seriously, "There's so much security here. You can work, earn a decent wage.

"I don't know how to begin to explain."

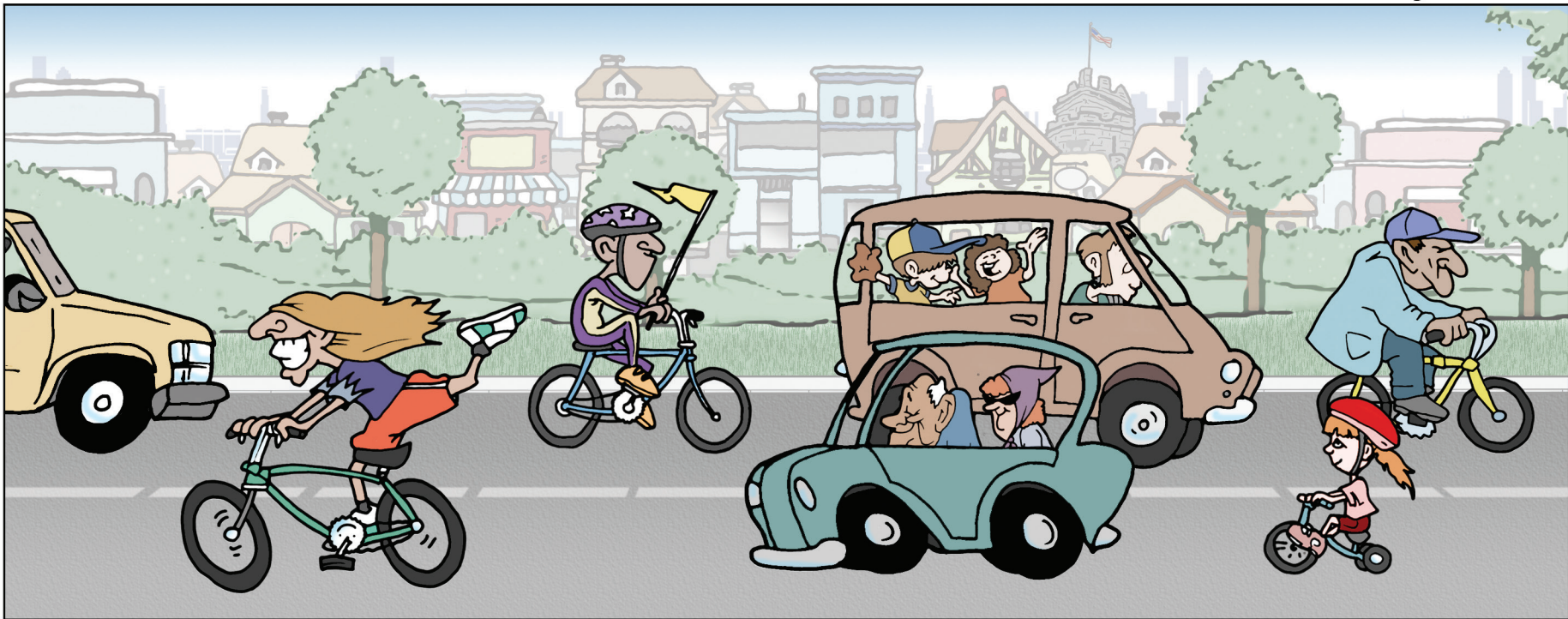
Wilson goes silent and thoughtful, taps his fingers against his closed mouth for a moment, and then continues.

"I've been reading the New York Times constantly lately. The guests at the hotel leave the paper behind, I have stacks of them at home. Continued on page 15

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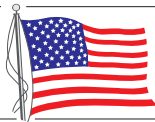
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We can all get along on our streets, given some common courtesy observance of the law.

Our View Of The Times



Compromise is often a hard thing to achieve. Especially when those with opposing points of view assume an intractable stance on an issue. Still, sometimes there is simply no other way to function and move forward unless some common ground is established.

One thing that all of us should be able to agree on is that everyone who travels

on our city streets should feel that they can do so in safety and without undue restriction or impediment in their movements from place to place.

Cycling has grown in popularity and practice in recent years, and the numbers of those who commute to and from work or school, go shopping, or simply take leisurely rides on their bikes has grown

considerably. It is a trend that has taken hold nationwide.

At the same time, motor vehicle traffic has not decreased significantly in proportion to the proliferation of more cyclists. Clearly, many of our narrow streets are poorly equipped to handle both cyclists and motorists, not without considerable compromise and mutual courtesy.

City planners are working hard to design practical solutions to the needs of both. Certain streets will be easier to modify for more cycling than others. In many cases, it will be up to the operators of each mode of transport to make way for the other.

Surely we can rise to the occasion and find our better natures in this effort.

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very much appreciated here at *The Somerville Times*. Many more happy and blissful years together!

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

This past Saturday at the annual **Somerville Heroes Salute**, the city presented their first Profile in Courage Lifetime Achievement Award, and they couldn't have picked a better candidate for it. Former **Mayor Gene Brune** was recognized for his dedication and service to Somerville over the years in many capacities.

Sitting there in the audience and listening to his many achievements was very moving and we congratulate him for both receiving it and the city for awarding it. He's a great guy who never stops giving for his city.

Happy birthday this week once more to some of Somerville's finest residents: First of all, a big happy birthday to one of the city's best mechanics, **Vinnie Vincente** of **Good Gas** on Pearl St. Vinnie and his brother **Tito** started Good Gas back a few decades ago. We wish Vinnie the very best. Some of us have known him going back to the 60's. A great guy, with lots of funny stories and, best of all, a good friend to many of us here in Somerville. Stop by Tuesday to Thursday and wish him a happy birthday. Another Somerville favorite who is celebrating this week is a great guy, **Feargal O'Toole**. A nice guy, honest and man of his word. He's a good friend as well. We wish him the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday as well to **Brian Roche**. He's a chef, and a damn good one. Brian and his family are lifelong residents of the city. We wish Brian all the best and many happy returns. Now, if you're up for **Sally O'Brien's** in Union Square this week,

stop in to wish **Liam Mannion**, the proprietor, a very special happy birthday. Another great guy, and we're lucky to have both him and Feargal immigrate here to Somerville years ago, and both are contributing so much to our city. Happy birthday, Liam, we're wishing you many more happy birthdays and success in your awesome pub. A good friend and realtor at **CBRB** up in Andover, **Joanna Webster** is celebrating this week. We wish her a happy birthday. **Enrique Levin** is celebrating this week, a newlywed and good guy. We wish him the very best and a happy birthday. To all the others celebrating this week, we salute you and wish you the very best, and if you know of someone you'd like to see mentioned here let us know.

This past Friday night at the **Aquarium** in Boston, the wedding of **Kristen (Chamberlain)** and **Aron Butler** took place before a large crowd, and a lot of them from Somerville. Kristen's family is originally from Somerville. It was a great wedding and beautiful location to hold a wedding. We wish both Kristen and Aron Butler the best, with many years of happiness.

Remember, the **175th birthday** of our

city is this year. Celebratory events are scheduled throughout the coming year. Contact **City Hall** for more information about events you might be interested in.

Good friend and **Medford City Councilor Adam Knight** is having his campaign kickoff fundraiser **Thursday, June 22**, at the **Post 45 American Legion**, 321 Winthrop St. in Medford. Adam is dedicated and is one of Medford's up and coming elected officials. He learned from one of the best, he used to work for former **Senator Charlie Shannon**. We hope Adam tops the ticket in Medford. He's a great guy, smart and dedicated to the city of Medford.

How many can answer this question: as a resident of the city, do you remember the **Jerry Jingle Highway**? And why was it called that?

We met beautiful young lady the other night, **Ms. Maria Gabriella Lo Russo**, who lives in East Somerville. We don't think she will be upset if we reveal her age, but can you believe that at eight years old, in second grade at the East Somerville Community School, where we are told she's a solid A's student, she speaks four languages fluently

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Memorial Day Parade 2017





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SPORTS

14th Annual Save Our Homes Walk to Prevent Homelessness in Somerville

By Louise Carpenter

Each year, the Save Our Homes Walk to Prevent Homelessness in Somerville raises thousands of dollars to help Somerville families avoid eviction and stay in their homes. The 2017 Walk is Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. and will cover 5 kilometers (3.1 miles), beginning and ending at Somerville High School. The Walk route will pass several landmarks that relate to affordable housing in Somerville.

Last year, the Rapid Response Homeless Prevention program was able to assist a total of 83 households, with 236 people, including 95 children. Organizers note that prevention is the most cost-effective and compassionate response to the threat of homelessness, and with the rising cost of housing the need is now

greater than ever.

“Knowing there was a program like this gave me hope,” said a former client of the Somerville Homeless Coalition who received funding through Rapid Response. “It allowed me the chance to stay in my home, finish school and increase my income with a new job. It is an amazing gift and has helped change my life.”

People can join a team for the walk and donate to the effort at <https://www.crowdrise.com/SaveOurHomesWalk2017> or by mailing a check to “Save Our Homes” PO Box 440436, Somerville, MA 02144.

All monies raised have been used for security deposits, rent arrearages, utility bills, and moving costs associated with stabilizing housing. These grants keep families in



The 14th Annual Save Our Homes Walk to Prevent Homelessness in Somerville takes place on Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m., beginning and ending at Somerville High School.

their homes, adults at their jobs, and kids in school. These funds also help preserve the affordability and diversity of our Somerville community.

“The Walk raises desperately-needed funds to help vulnerable families achieve housing stability, and so their kids don’t have to change schools and have their lives completely disrupted,” said Lee Erica Palmer, a legal services attorney helping to organize this year’s walk, and a member of the Somerville School Committee. “When I

door-knocked residents two years ago when first running for School Committee, the number one concern raised by families was affordability and a fear they wouldn’t be able to stay in Somerville because of rising housing costs. This Walk helps families for whom these fears have become all too realized.”

The annual Save Our Homes Walk is organized by the Somerville Affordable Housing Organizing Committee (AHOC). AHOC is an advocacy coalition comprised of

Somerville residents and community organizations including Somerville Community Corporation (SCC), Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS), Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services (CSLS), and Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC). Organized in 2001 by SCC, AHOC continues to pursue the vital mission of preserving affordable housing, increasing affordable housing opportunities, and stabilizing Somerville’s existing communities.

Ms. Cam's Olio #579

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What was Memorial Day originally called? | to Babe Ruth when he hit his final Major League home run? |
| 2. What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day? | 8. Which U.S. President was linked with the “Star Wars” policy? |
| 3. On what day is Memorial Day celebrated? | 9. Where in the Ukraine was there a nuclear explosion in 1986? |
| 4. What northern state was the first to observe Memorial Day? | 10. Who played <i>The Elephant Man</i> on film? |
| 5. When was the first Indy 500 race held? | 11. Who invented the Polaroid camera? |
| 6. Which was the longest moon landing? | 12. Farina is Italian for what? |
| 7. Who was the pitcher | |

Answers on page 17

Somerville High School Spring Concert

The SHS Spring Concert took place on Thursday, May 18 at the SHS Auditorium and featured the SHS Orchestra, Chorus, Gospel Choir, Band, World Percussion Ensemble, Highlander Drumline, SHS Dance Ensemble, and Advanced Guitar Ensemble. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



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I’ve been watching Trump in the White House, watching the pressroom. I’ve been glued to the TV.

“The back and forth between Trump and the journalists, Trump’s hostility, reminds me of Africa. The presidents there, their attitude is – I state what I want to say, you record it.

“Not the give and take like with other, let’s call them more conventional, presidents.

“I really admired Jim Acosta’s bravery in trying to get his questions across, while Trump shouted him down. Fascinating to watch,” he says, with his eyebrows raised.

I ask him what he does with his free time now that he’s not writing.

“Oh boy.

“I don’t spend much time in Somerville anymore. The young people pretty much crowd you out. Aged out, I think they call it,” he says with a big laugh.

“I’m in my 50s now. I’ve been going to East Boston and Everett for the Colombian and Brazilian bars. I love the Latino music. And the immigrant crowd has work hours like mine. There’s a fascinating range of jobs – restaurants, construction. Night is their release time. I sit down with a beer and just watch.

“I don’t feel like I stick out in the way I do now in Somerville. Those bars are very welcoming. I chat with whoever I meet by accident.

“I’m shy, and those places are conducive to my personality.”

“What do you love most about your life now?”

Wilson chuckles. “This is gonna sound weird, but that I bought my condo in 2004. The struggle was worth it, that investment. Property values in Somerville are going up and up.

“Being in my 50s, it’s a funny time in my life. My father passed away in 2010. I try to keep tabs on my mother. But she’s in Kenya.

“At this stage, I should be getting back to writing,” Wilson makes rapid typing gestures on the table with his fingers. “I do have the luxury now to do that. I need to discipline myself. When the banquet work is slow, I have free days. It’s a luxury I wouldn’t have in Kenya. There, you’re always hustling, unless you’re really wealthy.”

I ask Wilson if there are things about America that he thinks are great.

“Oh, yeah,” he says, rubbing his hands against his thighs. “Where can I start.

“There’s lots of freedom. That’s a cliché,

I know.

“But I could go to California. To Brazil. Which is great.

“If I really wanted to go back to school, I could do it.”

Wilson pauses quietly for a moment, and taps his fingers against his mouth again.

“With all that’s going on right now, Somerville is still a friendly place, there’s lots of tolerant people. I went to the rally to support Somerville as a Sanctuary City. It drew a nice big crowd, all liberal leaning.

“People I have a natural kinship with, in the way that I look at the world. There was a strong sense that we’re in this together.

“The country has taken a jolt to the conservative side, but we’re still Blue in Somerville.

“Not that there’s anything wrong with a Red state. But it is fun to be in a state with a lot of people with a similar political outlook.”

Another pause.

“I’ve learned a lot in this country.

“Something that impresses me is that, when something goes wrong in America, there’s a push to not let someone else go through the same thing. People try to raise awareness. A tragedy gets converted into a solution, into a positive.

“I would like to give back to America out of my own experience.

“I think a lot about how to bring together immigrants with, for lack of a better word, regular Americans. Is there anything between a Brazilian house painter and a doctor studying cancer?

“I think the two of them can learn something from each other. I would like to help bring the two worlds together, maybe a website that could be a venue for people to discuss things.

“It’s all very vague right now. But I feel there’s something missing out there to connect the two worlds, the immigrant world and the established American world.

“I’ve gotten so much from America. A project like that, if I can figure out how to do it in a meaningful way, would be a way to give back.”

Wilson’s childhood admiration for the creativity of the poor kids in his neighborhood, his education at Rutgers and Yale, his work on the banquet staff at the Charles Hotel, and his immigrant community in the Colombian and Brazilian bars, all make clear that Wilson has a deep appreciation for both worlds.

SHINE program seeks volunteer health benefit advisors

Want to make a difference in your community as a volunteer health benefit advisor? If so, the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) SHINE program could use your help.

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) is a network of volunteer health benefits counselors who have been trained and certified to provide free information and assistance for older people, disabled Medicare beneficiaries, and their families, partners and caregivers.

Our SHINE counselors are trained to:

- Offer education about Medicare and other health insurance coverage
- Evaluate health insurance needs
- Review present health coverage to maximize benefit for cost
- Provide information about prescription drug coverage options
- Help with health benefit claims or billing problems
- Assist in completing applications for health benefit programs

Co-hosted by SCES and the Somerville Council on Aging, the next round of SHINE training starts June 8, and will be held from 9:30 to 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 7.

Once trained, SHINE counselors receive referrals from SCES, and are free to set up meetings with people who need help at the agency or in-home.

For more information about becoming a SHINE counselor, contact Dana Beguerie at the SCES Aging Information Center by calling 617-628-2061 or e-mail dbeguerie@eldercare.org.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and wellbeing of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information about SHINE and other programs, contact our Aging Information Center during regular business hours at 617-628-2601, visit eldercare.org, or find us on Facebook and Twitter.



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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

34 & 38 Dane Street (ZBA 2017-31): Applicant/Owner, Paulo Dasilva and Cassia Silva, seek a Special Permit under Sections 7.11.1.c, 4.4.1, and 9.13 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to renovate an existing nonconforming two-family dwelling, construct a new three-family dwelling, and parking relief to establish a total of five dwelling units on the site. RC Zone. Ward 3.

24-28 Mount Pleasant Street (ZBA 2017-11): Applicant/Owner, Warren A. Chaille, Trustee of the Chaille Trust, seeks a Special Permit under Section 7.3 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to relocate, renovate, and construct an addition to the existing two-family dwelling to create a six-unit dwelling building. RB Zone. Ward 1.

120 Washington Street (ZBA 2017-35): Applicant, Mark Food Enterprises, Inc., and Owner, ITS Realty LLC, seek a Special Permit under Section 9.13 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) for parking relief to construct a patio to locate twenty-four outdoor dining seats. IA Zone. Ward 1.

51 Central Street (ZBA 2017-36): Applicants/Owners, 51 Central Development, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under Sections 4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to perform renovations of a nonconforming structure to a three-family residence with parking relief under Sections 9.4 and 9.13 of the SZO. RA Zone. Ward 3.

263 Washington Street (ZBA 2017-40): Applicant, 261-263 Washington Somerville, LLC, and Owners, Michael E. & Constance O'Connor, seek Special Permits under the SZO Section 4.4.1 to increase the height of the building from three stories to four, increase the FAR to 2.0 and add an addition in the rear. Parking relief is sought under Section 9.13 of the SZO. NB zone. Ward 2.

22 Linden Avenue (ZBA 2017-33): Applicant and Owner, Domicile, LLC, seeks Special Permits under Section 4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR and raise the building height by 2.5 feet, thereby creating an upward extension of the non-conforming rear and right setbacks. Parking relief is sought under Section 9.13 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 5.

41 Heath Street (ZBA 2017-32): Applicant, Olga Bassa, and Owners, Francisco P. & Joana M. Barbosa, seek Special Permits under Section 4.4.1 of the SZO to extend existing non-conformities along the left side yard setback, increase the building height, upward extension of the existing, non-conforming left and right side yard setbacks, and increase the FAR. Relief under Section 7.11 is sought to increase the number of units from one to three. Parking relief is sought under Section 9.13 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 4.

51 Boston Street (ZBA 2017-39): Applicant and Owner, Ji Shi, seeks Special Permits to increase the non-conforming FAR, add a bedroom and bathroom to the attic and finish the basement. Parking relief is sought under Section 9.13 of the SZO.


Completed application forms are not posted online but submittals 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-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at 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 dperreira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

335 Somerville Avenue (PB 2017-10): Applicant/Owner, Liam Mannion, seeks a special permit under Section 6.1.22.D.5.a of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to make façade alterations to the existing structure. CCD-55 zone and Arts Overlay District. Ward 3.

Completed application forms are not posted online but submittals 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-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
208 Cambridge Street
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 17D1688DR

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Daniel Dos Santos Nascimento vs. Tara Lee Belisle

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your answer, if any on or before **06/27/2017**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: May 16, 2017.

Tara E. De Christofaro
Register of Probate

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Welcoming and Inclusive Neighborhoods Somerville (WINS) Public Meeting Notice

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Housing Division invite you to a public hearing to receive citizen input on the City's Assessment of Fair Housing. The Assessment of Fair Housing, which the City is calling the Welcoming and Inclusive Neighborhoods Somerville (WINS) initiative, is a Department of Housing and Urban Development requirement that the City is working on to identify and address fair housing issues and factors that contribute to inequities in Somerville. Residents are invited to learn about the Fair Housing Act and will have the opportunity to share their experience with housing in Somerville and help the City plan to address fair housing and equity issues.

To learn more about the WINS Initiative, visit our website (www.somervillema.gov/wins) where you can also complete a survey on fair housing in Somerville.

WINS Meeting Information:
Thursday, June 8, 2017 – 6:00-7:30pm; Clarendon Hill Towers Community Room, 1366 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 6:00-7:30pm; East Somerville Community School – 50 Cross St. Somerville, MA 02145

For more information contact the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Housing Division at (617) 625-6600 x. 2575. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available and requests should be received no later than May 29, 2017 by contacting Doug Kress at (617) 625-6600 x.4310. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at (617) 625-6600 x. 2575. Requests for accommodations should be received by May 29, 2017.

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Sealed bids will be received until **Wednesday June 14th, 2017 at 11:00am**. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids 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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At #RESIST, artists express political opposition

By Hannes Remmert

#RESIST, an art exhibition at Nave Gallery on 53 Chester St. in Davis Square, addresses the current political climate in the United States since the inauguration of Donald Trump as president and the protests that have followed. Curated by Susan Berstler and Greg Cook, the politically driven exhibition opened on April 27 and closes its doors on May 27.

How did they approach this topic through art and what is their motivation behind the project? Susan Berstler, a visual artist, curator, and arts producer, has exhibited her work both nationally and internationally and had the original idea for #RESIST, Cook said.

Greg Cook is a renowned arts reporter and critic for WBUR.

org whose writing has appeared in several news outlets including The Boston Globe, The Boston Phoenix, and Art New England. While organizing festivals such as the Tiny Great Outdoors Festival or Somerville's Pity Party he has published pictures in the Nickelodeon Magazine and The Believer. For several years, he has been doing photographic documentation of the protests.

According to Cook, Susan Berstler's motivation was to find an answer to the question "How do we use art to harness people's anger for good?"

"The art in the exhibition reflects and expresses the great upset that many people feel about the nation's political situation right now—and the ways in which some folks are pushing back," Cook said.

Originally an exhibition "in-



"Not My President" photograph by Lee Kilpatrick.

spired by historical shows of art that had been banned or censored by repressive governments" was considered by Berstler. Until they decided to call the show #RESIST, the two curators also thought about an "exhibition of protest signs or political cartoons or something about Trump's hair."

After Berstler put out a call for submissions, the interest among artists in being a part of the show went wild. According to Cook, over 230 artists from the U.S. and Europe sought to exhibit their art at #RESIST. Of course, there was not enough space for all of them. Therefore, Berstler and Cook ended up reviewing the submissions choosing the best fitting ones.

When entering the building, visitors get welcomed with a sign that says "Welcoming immigrants since 1842 – Somerville" based on a typical place

name sign. Walking by dozens of photos of people standing next to the sign, one can see the widespread support of Somerville being a sanctuary city.

Then, one enters the three rooms of the exhibition stocked with photographs, paintings, and other pieces of art. Their subjects range from "feminism to environmentalism to immigration to the politics of bathrooms and gender," as Cook explained. However, they all have the same target: President Donald J. Trump, his beliefs and his policies.

The selected artists' approaches vary from blunt and "directly insulting Trump" to more subtle pieces of art, as Cook pointed out. A portrait of Trump made out of Tampons or simply a painted middle finger are examples of the former. A white petticoat constantly being worked on or photographs

of protesters are examples of the latter. Just next to the petticoat people read texts by women about art, studio practice, feminist theory, queer theory, and the history of handwork, according to Cook.

Nevertheless, the exhibition does not only express objection to Donald Trump, it also offers future prospects. "10 Things You Can Do in Troubling Time Like These" is a brochure by Nanette Wylde, aiming to make people avoid being overwhelmed by alternative facts and aware of how to show their opposition in the most effective ways possible.

The show lets visitors feel the anger and despair of liberal America. More importantly, it makes one think about what is going on in this country and about how to move on.

For more information visit: <http://navegallery.org/wp/resist/>



"Welcoming Immigrants" sign at the gallery entrance.



The petticoat that is constantly being worked on.

Ms. Cam's

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Answers

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| 1. Decoration Day | end in 1911 |
| 2. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving; Veterans Day is remembering all who served. | 6. Apollo 17 |
| 3. The last Monday in May | 7. Guy Bush |
| 4. New York | 8. Ronald Reagan |
| 5. Memorial Day week- | 9. Chernobyl |
| | 10. John Hurt |
| | 11. Edwin Herbert Land |
| | 12. Flour |

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|May 24

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

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

Thursday|May 25

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Lego Club
3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday|May 26

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

Saturday|May 27

Central Library
Oh, Ick!
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|May 29

Libraries Closed

Tuesday|May 30

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|May 31

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

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Wednesday|May 24

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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8 p.m.| 379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Sounds of Summer: Rock Jam|6 p.m.
Patpalooza: A Celebration of Life and Music for Patrick McDonough|7 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Union Square Somerville Playlist presents|6 p.m.
Union Square Somerville Playlist presents: Bolivia Canta |8 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

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

Thursday|May 25

Sally O'Brien's
Governor 1-Year Anniversary|7:30

p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm
Backroom Series: Nikitov|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Violet Intent|8 p.m.
Bears At Work
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Thunder Road
City Rivals (pop/rock)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Brewsters' Arm Wrestling League
Spring Showdown
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Science by the Pint|6:30 p.m.
Sonya Rae Taylor|8:30 p.m
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
The Loop
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 26

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents presents \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Backroom Series: Jon Smith's Voyages and James McCarthy|7 p.m.
Young Love & The Thrills |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 247

P.A.'s Lounge
Towns|8 p.m.
Buster
Monk
Los Stones
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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Entertainment every Friday
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Thunder Road
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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Town Meeting|7:30 p.m.
Hannah Daman and the Martelle Sisters
Goratory|10 p.m.
Dysentery, Bacterial Husk
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Boycott!|6:30 p.m.
The Hartford Hot Several|8:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|7 p.m.
B.U.M.P|9:30 p.m.
Dirty Disney|11 p.m.
255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory
Young Fiddlers' Workshop Series - Boston Scottish Fiddle Club
7:15 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 27

Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
Big Giant, The Weisstronauts, The Mercy James Gang reunion show \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
65 Holland St

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Live DJ Music
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TBA
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DJ El Sid!
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Live Band & DJ
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
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Thunder Road
Disco Saturdays @ Pop Icon Brunch
Thunder Road|11 a.m.
Kong (Funk/Jam)|8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Lyres, Cal Cali Band, Classic Ruins, Black Souls
7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Kerplunk!
Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.
255 Elm Street

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Le Prestige|7:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Sunday|May 28

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
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Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live Band & DJ
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road
Stevie Nicks' Birthday Brunch: "Gold Brunch Woman" |10 a.m.
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma|7 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Paul Hansen|2 p.m.
The Sky Comedy Show|7:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Café
Leap of Faith Orchestra: Possible Universes
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 29

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

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

P.A.'s Lounge
The Woolly Mammoths
Gina Can
Sean Huang
Biung
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
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Thunder Road
The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets
Monday Night Series
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Anjimile
Sarah Golley
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
14 Tyler Street

Tuesday|May 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Paint & Pour! Register
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room:
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge
Open Mic Night
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Cosmik Debris: A Birthday Bash for J. Johnson (aka Darth Blazes)
The FZMBBQ Band (A Musical Tribute to Zappa), Count Zero, Axemunkee
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Reception for the Framed Poetry Exhibit
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Indie Trivia
8 p.m. – 11 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Wednesday|May 31

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Backroom Series
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Alex & The Seabass
The Nodus Collision
Intoxicated Rage
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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156 Highland Ave

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Pumpkin Bread
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Penny 4 Ya Thoughts?
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|May 24

Central Library
Somerville Volunteers for the ACLU
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 25

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

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

East Branch Library
Drop in Knitting at the East Branch
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Friday|May 26

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

Central Library
Somerville Reads Meeting
12 p.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 27

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

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

Sunday|May 28

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

Monday|May 29

Libraries Closed

Tuesday|May 30

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

Wednesday|May 31

Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Public Meeting on DEP site 640
Mystic Avenue
7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ is encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Our centers are open to everyone from Somerville and surrounding communities. Check out our calendar and give a call with any questions or to make a reservation. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Stay for lunch and receive free transportation.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

The day trip to Mama Mia scheduled for Tuesday, May 30th is SOLD OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

LGBTQ Annual Dinner/Dance – Friday, June 2 in honor

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

LGBTQ Ice Cream Social – Monday, June 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. To RSVP and join the fun please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

2017 Event Dates
June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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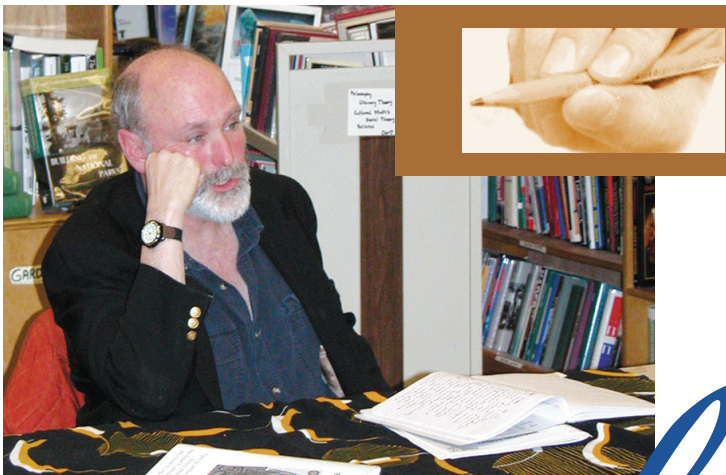
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7:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	4:00pm	Words on Film	2:30pm	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	(LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Science 360	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
11:00am	DW Global 3000	11:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	The Struggle
11:30am	Hello Neighbor!	Friday, May 26		9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Start Up TV Boston
1:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
1:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	9:00am	Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves	Sunday, May 28		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
2:30pm	Road To Recovery	10:00am	Greater Somerville	6:00am	Hello Neighbor!	10:00pm	DW Tomorrow Today
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	NASA X	6:30am	Eckankar	10:30pm	NASA X
4:00pm	Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	The Story of Stuff	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	11:00pm	The Folklorist
5:00pm	Art at SCATV	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution
5:30pm	Justicia Migrante	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday, May 30	
6:00pm	Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
7:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Art at SCAT
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:30pm	SCOUTV	12:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
9:30pm	Beyond Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	10:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction	11:00am	What's Left
Thursday, May 25				4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	11:30am	Legacies
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00pm	Real Estate Answers	5:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	Esoteric Science	6:30pm	The Language of Business	6:00pm	DW In Good Shape	1:00pm	(LIVE) Words on Film
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
9:00am	SCATV Throwback Thursday	7:30pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Dead Air Live	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Public Domain Film Festival	4:00pm	Aging Well
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	4:30pm	The Struggle
11:30am	What's Left	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	Saturday, May 27		Monday, May 29			
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am	Health is Wealth	6:00pm	What's New Massachusetts?
4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
4:30pm	Off the Shelf	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	SCATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest
5:00pm	DW Global 3000	10:00am	TeleGalaxie	10:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	7:30pm	(LIVE) Greater Somerville
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Somerville novelist
and bookseller, Josh Cook

Josh Cook has for many years been an ubiquitous presence at Porter Square Books in Porter Square, Cambridge, where he works as a bookseller. Cook penned a detective novel recently, *An Exaggerated Murder*, that has echoes of Sherlock Holmes, as well as the detective Auguste Dupin created by Edgar Allen Poe. I talked with him on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer*.



Doug Holder: You told me you were influenced by fictional detectives Auguste Dupin, and Sherlock Holmes.

Josh Cook: It was always interesting to me that detective fiction started with the Gothic short story writer and poet Edgar Allen Poe. He created the detective Auguste Dupin, and Poe is highly identified with detective fiction. The detective in my book is very much Sherlock Holmes style. Trike, my detective, uses evidence-based deduction, mixed with cold intellect. This whole genre that Poe started always starts out with strange, baffling stories. Holmes sprung from Dupin, and many detective stories since have sprung from Dupin. Later, British detective fiction is less about the case and more about the state of mind of the detective. What is so interesting about American detective heroes like Marlowe and Sam Spade, it isn't so much about the actual case they are involved in (like in Holmes), but the emotions and moral compass they had to sort through.

DH: Trike has a bad cigarette addiction. Why did you add this to an already complex character?

JC: If you look at American fiction, many writers have their characters addicted to booze, TV, etc. We all have addictions of one sort or the other. Addictions are used to sort through the moral complexities of our society.

DH: The city the novel is set in seems sort of generic. There is no specific city mentioned.

JC: Well, stories can only bear so much weight. I felt this was the best way to tell the story. I wasn't thinking of any particular city. But I set one scene in a gross Karaoke bar, and someone said, "Hey, I know exactly where that bar is." That's very satisfying. I felt the the story could not wear the weight of Boston, for instance. It would have required the reader to keep too many things in his or her head.

DH: You have a number of characters that re-

volve around Trike, like his assistants Max and Lola. Are these composites of people you know?

JC: No one is a particular person. They do draw on people I know, my partner and other characters that I have experienced in fiction, etc.

DH: Your detective Trike is a pompous, pain in the butt type of guy. Why did use such an unlikely character?

JC: Sometimes you need a guy with no social graces to get the truth out. He needs to be tough and abrasive.

DH: Did you grow up in a literary family?

JC: I grew up in Lewiston, Maine. My mom worked in the schools as a guidance counselor. My father was a social worker. Both were big readers. Both of them read to me before bed. My grandparents were also big readers.

DH: How has it been working at Porter Square Books all these years?

JC: It has been fantastic. You see more and more booksellers who are publishing books. I get to see what is published now, and what will be published in the next six months. I have been able to establish relationships with publishers. Melville House published my novel. They are a publisher I liked and I pushed their book at the store. I feel I am part of a community working at Porter Square Books.

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(Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and English)? Not many adults can do that! So we asked her what college she was going to attend next year and she laughed, telling us not next year. Maria Gabriella is the daughter of **Ellio LoRusso**, whom we heard might run for office this year. He lost the race for Ward 1 Alderman four years ago by a small amount to someone who moved into the ward. We suggest that Maria would make a good campaign manager if dad does decide to run again. Of course, that's *if* he is going to run. We're just saying!

We see that eight candidates pulled papers for Alderman At-Large, all four incumbents plus a potential four challengers. Now we hear that

two challengers might not submit their papers for certification, which would leave the field to six running for the four seats. At the **Ward 1 ResiStat meeting** this week, three of the four incumbents (**White, Connolly and Sullivan**) attended, as well as candidate **Stephanie Hirsch** for Alderman At-Large.

It's 2017 and **Demet's Donuts** over on Mystic Avenue is the best. We're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts to start the day. The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on.

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edited by Doug Holder

Pui Ying Wong was born in Hong Kong. She is the author of a full length book of poetry *Yellow Plum Season* (New York Quarterly Books, 2010), two chapbooks: *Mementos* (Finishing Line Press, 2007), *Sonnet for a New Country* (Pudding House Press, 2008) and her poems have appeared in *Angle Poetry* (U.K.), *The Brooklyn*, *Cha: An Asian Literary Journal* (Hong Kong), *Connotation Press: An Online Artifact*, *Crannog* (Ireland), *Desde Hong Kong: poets in conversation with Octavio Paz*, *Chameleon Press* (Hong Kong), *Pirene's Fountain*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Southampton Review* and *2Bridges Review*, among others. She lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband. She recently won the Pushcart Prize for her poetry and is a member of the Somerville Bagel Bards.



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and is not talkative
but says she likes New York.

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Tropicana juice if we want American.

Lace and velvet and a wingback chair,
the wall in our room a virgin green
out of the *Black Forest*.

My husband is in love with
the Bavarian beauty in the painting,
bustly, slim-waist in a dirndl.

Octoberfest, a platoon of carriages
winds up and down *Tor Sendlinger*.
Flushed faces in the crowd, misted

from sleep, from longings. Horses
hold their head high, the cobbled streets
weep all afternoon the sound of their hooves.

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