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# Coalition calls on city to support good jobs, affordable housing, contracts



A march and rally by members and supporters of the Somerville Stands Together coalition took place last week, leading up to a presentation to the Board of Aldermen.

#### By Jim Clark

Last Thursday, April 26, a coalition of community and labor groups calling itself Somerville Stands Together marched to City Hall, where they held a rally asking civic leaders to show more support for residents and their employ-

After arriving at the City Hall Concourse, representatives from the coalition spoke to the assembled crowd of supporters who had gathered alongside city officials, addressing the concerns and grievances of the group.

Coalition representatives were also invited into the Board of Alderman chambers to address the Board at its latest regular meeting and further explain their present agenda and future goals.

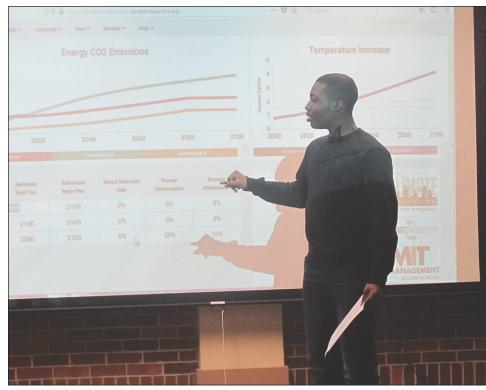
Prior to the presentation, Ward 7 Alderman and Board President Katjana Ballantyne put forward a resolution asking Continued on page 4

# Teen Empowerment screens 'An Inconvenient Truth'

#### By Shira Laucharoen

The Center for Teen Empowerment hosted a screening of portions of Al Gore's compelling and eloquent documentary An Inconvenient Truth on Thursday, April 26. The film showing was held at the Somerville Public Library through TE's Library Leaders program as part of SustainaVille Week and was followed by a group activity.

In the segments that attendees watched, Gore enunciated the perils of global warming, communicating patterns observed in the atmosphere and the consequences that will occur if change is not enacted. An increase in the earth's temperature takes place when carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases are released and trap solar radiation. Gore presented graphs demonstrating the correlation between emissions and heat, pointing out that carbon dioxide levels have spiked in recent years. As a result, glaciers and the ice atop mountains are Continued on page 9



Students participated in a simulation of United Nations negotiations in which they attempted to mitigate the effects of climate change. - Photo by Shira Laucharoen

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On Thursday, May 3, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., join Middlesex County Registrar of Deeds Maria Curtatone at Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue in Union Square as she and her supporters kickoff the campaign to re-elect her as Middlesex South Register of Deeds. Since taking office, Maria has worked faithfully to improve the Registry for the public and its employees. Maria has made substantial positive changes and looks forward to discussing her progress to date and her vision for the upcoming years. To volunteer for the host committee or for the campaign please email votemariacurtatone@gmail.com. They look forward to seeing you!

On Thursday, May 3, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., it's the Somerville Chamber of Commerce's monthly "Business After Hours" event at Flatbread Company 45 Day Street, Davis. No cover. Free appetizers, excellent networking, business card drawing, bowling, cash bar. Sponsored by Naveo Credit Union and Hosted by Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil & Energy. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) for you and your guest(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

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This Friday night, May 4, at the Dante Club on Craigie Street, it's a Cuatro de Mayo Dance Party, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Brown School parents, staff, and friends are invited to dance the night away. 21 and over only, please. A special guest dance instructor will teach some new moves from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. - but don't worry if you miss it, you can just do "The Floss" all night. Cash bar. The PTA will provide chips and salsa. Bring a dessert or snack to share or just bring your dancing shoes. This is not a fundraiser - just a FUN raiser. \$10 at the door, or drop a check in the PTA mailbox before the event. RSVP forms went home in folders before break. You can also email your RSVP and song requests to brownschoolpta@googlegroups.com.

Also, the Farmers Market in Union Square begins on Saturday, May 12. A sure sign that summer is near.

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All around good guy here in Somerville,

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#### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Housing assistance for municipal employees contemplated by city

#### Old Taxpayer says:

Why are they discussing this? It is not going to happen. The people clearly do not want this TAX. And the people who we elect should be tossing this whole business out as we are their employers. And, if I made their salaries I could afford to stay here and run my business. So maybe they should pay me as well. Seriously?

#### janie says:

Please stop referring to this as a fee. It is not. A fee is for services rendered. This is a tax. It's insulting to the residents to think that if you call it a fee it's more acceptable.

"That's not the kind of city I want this to be. Wow. So now Niedergang's vision of what the city should be is what we are striving for? I think that those of us who built this city, who kept it going during hard times, and who support community organizations would like it to be the city it once was.

If it quacks like a duck: "I do not want Somerville to be a city where the folks who work for us live 20, 40, 50 miles from here," Niedergang said. "I hate that idea. It reminds me of Weston, Wellesley, cities where rich people live."

Look in the mirror, Alderman. Isn't he the one that has a side business running airbnbs out of a couple homes in town? You know who could really use those places? Public employees!

#### Elaine says:

Mr Neidergang should hop in a car sometime and venture out of Spring Hill. More affordable towns are a hop, skip, and a jump away. Everett is 4 miles. Revere is 8 miles. Malden is 5 miles. Lynn is a whopping 14!

#### Carla says:

Mark Niedergang is a wolf in sheep's clothing. How more people do not see right through his schtick is a real head scratcher. If he truly believed what came out of his mouth, then he would rent his apartments for below market. Instead he's getting the maximum return by going the AirBnB route.

#### LindaS says:

"With all the work that we have been doing on this Board with the real estate transfer fee, the reason I submitted this this week is to reconfirm why we're doing all this work in the first place. Which is to help Somerville residents stay in a city that's becoming increasingly unaffordable."

What a joke. The reason Somerville is becoming increasingly unaffordable is due to the amount of fees and taxes that keep being piled on its residents.

You want Somerville to be affordable? Then stop bleeding us dry.

#### Fed Up says:

It's like watching a bunch of kool aid drinking lemmings following the leader. Unfortunately, our long time Alderman are afraid of losing their jobs so they now pander to the left wing socialist movement while leaving everyone else behind. They had no problem trying to sneak through this tax and when caught they were left scrambling for excuses and all of a sudden thought it was perhaps a good idea to listen to the community as a whole once there was massive pushback. Again, no transparency when it comes to the SCC. No audits, no accountability. Niedergang is obnoxious and can't be trusted along with the rest of the BOA. Why is he hiding the financials? From the beginning they tried to sneak and jam through this tax. Not one on the BOA or the mayor is trustworthy and I'm truly sickened of what this city has become. Pay attention to who speaks in support of this tax at the podium because if you were not aware of the first public meeting, employees of the SCC never identified themselves as employees, they only stated they were Somerville residents. A truly deceptive and disgusting display of conflict of interest.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



# 2nd Public Hearing on proposed transfer fee home rule petition Monday, May 7

Members of the public are invited to attend the second public hearing hosted by the Board of Aldermen to discuss the updated proposal for a transfer fee home rule petition. The hearing will take place on Monday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m., at Somerville City Hall on the 2nd Floor in the Aldermanic Chambers.

The updated version would exempt ALL owner-occupant sellers as well as ALL buyers who will be owner-occupants. The updated proposal would rather authorize the City to impose a fee of up to 1% on investors, developers, and absentee landlords who buy property in the City of Somerville, as well as up to a 1% fee on investors, developers, and absentee landlords who sell property in the city.

#### **Background and Process**

In 2015, Mayor Curtatone established the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group to pursue

bold and innovative ideas that would support the City's efforts to protect and preserve existing affordable housing, expand the City's resources for creating more affordable housing, and address the need for middle-income housing for working families.

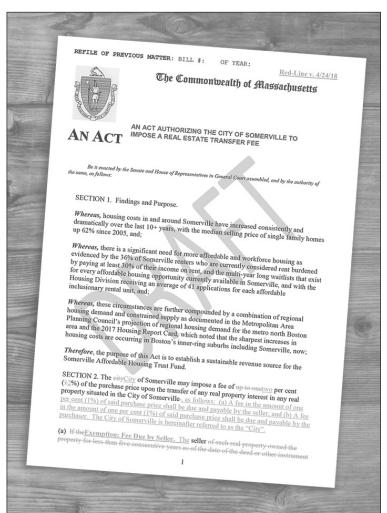
After nearly a year of research and deliberation the Working Group, which was chaired by Alderman Mark Niedergang and former City Housing Director Dana LeWinter, issued a series of recommendations, including that the City adopt a requirement of a fee on certain real estate transactions (known as a "transfer fee") to support affordable housing, with specific exemptions to be established.

Under state law, the City cannot institute a transfer fee without the permission of the State Legislature. Therefore, the City is first seeking the approval of the Board of Aldermen to submit a Home Rule Petition to the Legislature to seek this general permission. If the Legislature approves the petition, the fee will not automatically go into effect. Rather at that time--once it is known whether the City has the option of establishing a transfer fee--it is the City's intent to launch a broad community discussion on this issue. The outcomes of that discussion would guide the deliberations about any final ordinance.

The Board of Aldermen will also accept official written comment for the record. The deadline for written comments will be posted at www.somervillema.gov/transferfee. Please send your comments to boardofaldermen@somervillema.gov and cityclerk@somervillema.gov.

www.somervillema. gov/transferfee for more information.

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# **Somerville PorchFest** set for Sat, May 12



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

PorchFest began in 2011 and has been growing rapidly ever since. This year over 250 musical acts will be performing on porches (and sometimes spilling into front yards and gardens) all over the city. Genres range from gypsy punk, cosmic americana and killer blues to Afrobeat, acid folk, and American space rock. There's even Porch-ioke where passersby can step up and belt out a tune with a band backing them up.

This year the performances will start in West Somerville and go East - the opposite direction of past years. Acts in West Somerville perform from 12:00 to 2 p.m.; central Somerville bands (between Central and Willow St.) perform from 2 to 4 p.m. and East Somerville musicians perform from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This allows music to sweep like a giant wave from west to east and festival goers can plan out their routes to hear as much music as possible. To see the current lineup and map go to www.somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest. Listen to band's music samples and plan out your day. Want to play PorchFest? Registration is still open until May 10. Visit the website for more information and to register your band.

PorchFest originated in Ithaca in 2007. When Somervillian Nancy Goodman learned about the event she thought: Why not Somerville? She contacted the Somerville Arts Council and things were quickly set in motion. From the getgo, responses from musicians and music-loving residents was resounding. There were 35 people at the initial planning meeting and 75 acts registered to perform for the first edition in 2011.

With questions about the festival, contact Arts Council Director, Gregory Jenkins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2985.

# EWEEKIN CIR. By Jim Clark

# Alcohol and Avengers riled him up

Police officers were dispatched to Assembly Row last Sunday evening on reports that someone had smashed through a garage gate then smacked a phone out of the parking attendant's hand at the parking garage located adjacent to the AMC Theater.

Upon arrival, the officers were informed that Assembly Row Security had witnessed the male suspect, later identified as Justin Zompanti, of Lynnfield, flee into a nearby restaurant.

The officers entered the restaurant but were unable to locate Zompanti in the main area. Upon checking the men's bathroom, they spotted feet under a stall partition. While a pair of officers went to check if the suspect had left via another entrance, another officer waited for the occupant of the bathroom stall to finish.

While waiting, the restaurant manager approached the officer in the bathroom and informed him that she had seen a man who seemed confused and intoxicated trying to walk into

the kitchen area. She said she stopped him and asked him where he was going, to which he replied that he was looking for the bathroom. The manager then directed him to the bathroom and watched him walk towards it. The manager stated that this had occurred within the past few minutes. Her description of the man matched the description that was given to officers by Assembly Row Security.

The officer knocked on the bathroom door stall, and the occupant, Zompanti, unlocked and opened the door. The officer asked Zompanti where he was coming from and he stated that he was meeting friends.

The officer reportedly observed that Zompanti's eyes were bloodshot and glassy, that that the odor of alcohol was emanating from his breath, and that his speech was slow and slurred.

The officer identified Zompanti via his driver's license. Due to the fact that he was alone at

the time and that his radio was not functioning properly inside the restaurant, he placed Zompanti into handcuffs. He then brought him outside the restaurant to the sidewalk, where he ordered Zompanti to sit on the curb multiple times, as he refused to comply. The officer then used minimal force to get Zompanti to sit on the curb.

The officer read Zompanti his Miranda rights warnings, and after a few minutes Zompanti's attitude became more cooperative, so the handcuffs were removed.

The officer explained to Zompanti the reason he was being detained, then asked him for his version of the events. Zompanti reportedly stated that the issue was a misunderstanding due to an argument he had with the parking garage attendant.

Zompanti had just seen the new Avengers movie at a theater in New Hampshire, then drove to Assembly Row to meet friends there.

The officer asked Zompanti

how much alcohol he had consumed, and he reportedly stated he only had a "couple" of beers.

Zompanti agreed to take a series of field sobriety tests, and they moved across the street to an area that was more open and had less foot traffic and the tests were administered.

According to reports, the officer formed the opinion that Zompanti was under the influence of alcohol, and placed him under arrest, whereupon he was transported to the station for booking on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and destruction of property over \$250.

The officer then spoke with the Assembly Row parking garage attendants who Zompanti had the altercation with. According to them, Zompanti had driven up to the garage gate and rudely demanded a ticket. An attendant explained to Zompanti that the gate did not use tickets, and that he would have to use his credit card.

Zompanti reportedly tried

handing them a credit card, but told that he had to insert the credit card into the gate machine himself. This reportedly agitated Zompanti, who got out of his vehicle and, according to one of the parking attendants, wanted to fight with him.

The parking attendant manager then walked over to the altercation and told Zompanti that he was going to call security, and began to dial the Assembly Row security office. Zompanti reportedly slapped the phone out of his hand, causing it to fall to the ground and shatter.

Zompanti then allegedly got back in his car, and drove it into the gate, then forced the gate open by pushing up on it through his open window.

Police took a picture of the broken iPhone, worth \$650. No damage was evident on the garage gate. Police were able to locate Zompanti's vehicle on the fourth floor of the garage, and towed it with authorization from the police street supervisor.

Henry Augustine, of 50 River Rd., April 27, 8:16 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Justin Zompanti, of 375

Broadway, SPC 127, Lynnfield, April 29, 5:53 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and destruction of property over \$250.

#### **Arrests**:

Benjamin Stringham, of 1570 Cambridge St., Cambridge, April 24, 5:15 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of failure to stop or

yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended

Chris Hicks, April 24, 7:14 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery.

Daniel Sullivan, of 8 Florence St., April 27, 10:35 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and

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with the Board their mission to support workers' rights and other progressive issues in Somerville.

Speaking in behalf of the group, Somerville resident and coalition representative Virginia Hussey told the Board, "I'm here today after a rally with hundreds of local firefighters, police officers, librarians, construction workers and community activists. We're part of a new campaign called Somerville Stands Together."

Hussey said that the group wants good jobs, fair contracts, and affordable housing, and that the message is simple: support local families, not out-oftown developers.

"You see, when we look around,

between Somerville values of in clusion and equality and the current budget priorities and policies of City Hall," said Hussey. "Most of the city's public service workers don't have a contract and hasn't had a raise in many years. Fat cat developers are getting rich off the tax breaks while driving down safety standards."

Hussey said the coalition maintains that the city is here to protect and support workers. Living wages, responsibility contracts and wage steps are out of date and all too often not being enforced.

"As rent keeps going up, too many of us are at risk of being pushed out," according to Hussey. She said she's seen

the new coalition to share we will see a real disconnection many friends and family members pushed out of Somerville because of rising housing costs. "We aren't going to take it anymore."

> Hussy said that the group was calling on the city to commit its support to the following priorities: invest in new and existing affordable housing, to safeguard residents from displacement; ensure respect and fair contracts for our city's municipal workers; update and enforce Somerville's existing fair labor ordinances; allow employees to form unions and hold free and fair elections at businesses that are given tax breaks by the City of Somerville; and hire local and union labor on major construction projects to ensure high standards for



Somerville Stands Together representative Virginia Hussey laid out the issues of concern by the group for the Board. More photos on page 5.

safety and training and provide career pathways for workers.

"Our coalition wants to hear from each and every one of you if you agree to sign on to this platform to help move Somerville forward," said Hussey.

To learn more about Somerville Stands Together and its platform, visit them online at https://somervillestandstogether.com.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of April 23-27.

Most of the House roll calls are on proposed amendments to the \$41 billion fiscal 2019 state budget that the House considered for four days last week.

# A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE BUDGET "DEBATE"

Most of the decisions on what is included and not included in the budget are made behind closed doors. Of the 1,400 budget amendments proposed, many of them are bundled into consolidated amendments. This year there were nine consolidated amendments. The system works as follows: Individual representatives file amendments on general subject matters including local aid, social services and public safety. They are then invited to "subject meetings" in Room 348 at which they pitch their amendments to Democratic leaders who draft consolidated amendments that include some of the individual representatives' amendments while excluding others.

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

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

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

Republicans were slow to ask for roll call votes on many controversial amendments and instead let them die on an unrecorded voice vote. Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica) sponsored amendments to reduce the income tax and sales tax to 5 percent and exempt cities and town from paying the gas tax. Lombardo did not respond to requests by Beacon Hill Roll to tell why he didn't ask for roll call votes on those three issues.

# \$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 4637)

House 154-0, Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Supporters said the \$200 million would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward.

No one voted against the bill, but most cities and towns were in favor of the Senate version which provided \$600 million over three years. Municipal leaders note that approving \$200 million per year for three years is helpful to cities and towns who would prefer to know the money is guaranteed each year for the next three years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### \$41 BILLION FISCAL 2019 BUDGET (H 4400)

House 150-4, approved and sent to the Senate the House version of a \$41 billion fiscal 2019 state budget. During four days of budget deliberations the House added more than \$81 million in spending.

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

"This is a balanced budget," said House Ways and Means Chair Rep. Jeff Sanchez (D-Boston). This budget was Sanchez' first since he took over as Ways and Means Chair last summer.

"In this year's budget, there were 1,400 amendments, of which there was meaningful debate on only one," said Rep. Kevin Kuros (R-Uxbridge), one of only four legislators who voted against the budget. "I've long been uncomfortable with the 'Room 348 process' for approving and disposing of amendments."

"I will no longer support a budget that has exploded by \$10 billion in the last 10 years and still does not adequately fund education, public safety and transportation." said Rep. Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick). "Much needed reforms have been neglected and 70 percent of the budget now equates to MassHealth and pension obligations choking out any other funding priorities."

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

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

# HOLD DETAINED IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT A WARRANT (H 4400)

House 10-145 rejected an amendment that would allow state and local law enforcement agencies to arrest and hold a person without a warrant if the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued an immigration detainer on that person. The amendment was proposed in response to a July 2017 ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) that ruled local law enforcement could not assist federal immigration agents in enforcing federal civil enforcement immigration detainers.

"The amendment allows local enforcement to assist federal immigration agents to detain people with an outstanding civil federal immigration detainer," said sponsor Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover). "It protects the citizens of the commonwealth. Without this law, Massachusetts is a sanctuary state."

"Let the federal government do what the federal government is charged with," said Rep. Paul Tucker (D-Salem) the former Salem police chief. "Let the local police be effective and efficient in enforcing the local laws."

Other representatives said they support the bill but voted against it because it also included a section that changes the definition of "probable cause."

"The language in this amendment would change the 'probable cause' standard and allow it to be based upon an individual officer's personal belief," said Rep. Tim

Whelan (R-Brewster). "This is a radical change to a constitutionally accepted standard held in our nation since the ratification of the U.S. Constitution."

The current definition of probable cause is "facts discovered through logical inquiry that would lead a reasonably intelligent and prudent person to believe that an accused person has committed a crime."

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

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

#### INDEFINITELY DELAY CUTTING OFF LO-CAL AID TO SANCTUARY CITIES (H 4400)

House 136-19, approved an amendment that would cut off local aid to sanctuary cities but delay the cutoff until the Office of Public Safety furnishes a study of the cutoff's impact on the public safety of the state, cities and towns. The amendment is essentially meaningless because as in past years, the study will never be done, and it is just a way to kill the cutoff without having a direct vote on the cutoff itself.

This amendment replaced an earlier amendment that would simply cut off the local aid to sanctuary without delay. Under House rules, there was no roll call on the earlier amendment.

"It was disappointing Democrats attached a further amendment to kill the original amendment that would have worked to stop sanctuary cities," said Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman). "We don't want another mother to have to experience the grief of Maureen Maloney."

Maloney's son was killed in August 2011 by Nicolas Guaman, an illegal immigrant from Ecuador, who was driving drunk when he ran a stop sign and knocked Matthew Denice off his motorcycle.

"Illegal immigration costs the taxpayers close to \$2 billion a year," said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "Sanctuary cities make our state a magnet for illegal immigrants. We are a nation of laws. Communities should not be picking and choosing which laws to follow."

Some supporters of the amendment acknowledge that the amendment is essentially meaningless because there will never be a study. Most of these oppose the cutoff of local aid to sanctuary cities.

But several supporters of the amendment have supported the cutoff of local aid to sanctuary cities in the past but voted for this watered-down version because it was "better than nothing."

Other opponents of the amendment said that with the delay the amendment is a joke and means nothing. These opponents generally support cutting off aid to sanctuary cities

(A "Yes" vote is for the cutoff and the delay. A "No" vote is against the cutoff and the delay.)

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

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#### TAX CREDIT (H 4400)

House 154-0, approved an amendment that raises from \$2 million to \$5 million over three years the total annual amount of money that is available for the Commonwealth Conservation Land Tax Credit.

According to the state website, "The Conservation Land Tax Credit program recognizes and rewards landowners who donate a real property interest either outright, or through a Conservation Restriction. The donation must permanently protect an important natural resource such as forest land that is in the public's interest. The donor is provided a tax credit of 50 percent of the donation value, up to \$75,000."

Amendment supporters said this program has been successful since it was created in 2009 and it has saved more than 258 pieces of land totaling more than 12,000 acres. They noted it has wide support from the environmental community and will help preserve open space.

(A "Yes" vote is for the increase to \$5 million).

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

# CONTINUE BUDGET SESSION AFTER 9 P.M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT

House 122-33, 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 continue working 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 9:46 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

ALLOW LOTTERY EMPLOYEES TO BUY LOTTERY TICKETS (H 4329) – The House gave initial approval to a measure that makes exceptions to the current law that prohibits all Lottery employees and their spouse, child, brother, sister or parent living with them to buy a Lottery ticket.

The measure permits the Lottery director to allow employees to purchase tickets if they are bought to be used as part of a Lottery sting operation. These operations investigate many things including improper prize payout, reselling of winning tickets by retailers and sale of tickets to teens under the age of 18.

**TAILGATING EMERGENCY VEHICLES** (H 4344) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that raises from \$100 to \$250 the fine for tailgating any emergency vehicle.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the

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

During the week of April 23-27, the House met for a total of 43 hours and five minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 42 minutes.

House 10:02 a.m. to 9:46 p.m.

Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

No Senate session

Mon. April 23

Tues. April 24

House 10:04 a.m. to 8:20 p.m.
No Senate session.

Wed. April 25

House 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
No Senate session

Thurs. April 26 House 10:00 a.m. to 7:35 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 6:07 p.m.

Fri. April 27 No House session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72251238	24 Dane Ave	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	146	\$549,900	\$610,000
72273990	62 Fairfax St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	31	\$569,900	\$550,000
72235989	22 Wellington Ave	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Other	110	\$599,999	\$550,000
72243908	5 webster St	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	103	\$729,000	\$600,000
72286285	35 Corinthian Rd	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	8	\$999,000	\$1,210,526.18

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72147331	375 Canal Street U:711	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	33	\$884,000	\$949,000
72269977	48 Morrison Avenue U:48	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	3	\$999,000	\$1,010,000
72256571	5-7 Pearson Road U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	58	\$1,029,000	\$1,010,000
72280553	60 Clyde St U:8	6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	9	\$1,050,000	\$1,126,000
72124747	375 Canal Street U:1117	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	41	\$1,099,900	\$1,099,900
72187444	30 Teele Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	188	\$1,149,900	\$1,145,000
72147302	375 Canal Street U:PH117	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	65	\$1,225,600	\$1,225,600
72116251	375 Canal Street U:1010	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	54	\$1,307,900	\$1,352,900

	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
72257828	28-28A Sterling St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	23	\$940,000	\$1,000,000	
72271803	127 Hillsdale	2 unit, 13 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$989,000	\$1,001,000	
72243912	7 Webster St	2 unit, 11 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	103	\$999,000	\$900,000	
72259228	91 Pearson Rd	2 unit, 11 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	93	\$1,185,000	\$1,100,000	
72289841	32 Ivaloo St	2 unit, 10 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	9	\$1,195,000	\$1,280,000	
72256737	94 Conwell Ave	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	46	\$1,300,000	\$1,150,000	
72212809	17-19 Wheeler St	3 unit, 17 total room, 11 total bedroom 3 Family	38	\$1,495,000	\$1,595,000	

# Local Somerville Masons laugh it up at Giggles Comedy Club







Well over 130 local Masons from Somerville joined together for a night of fun and enjoyment at Giggles Comedy Club in Saugus last Wednesday evening.

The club surprised everyone with two local comedians, Tony V and Lenny Clarke, who along with one other made the entire night a fun affair. Lots of local members of the fraternitude of the company of t



ty and their families and friends had a great time.

Somerville has hundreds of Freemasons, and the local lodge at 125 Highland Avenue (rear), which is King Solomon's Lodge AF & AM, was chartered in 1783. They owned and built the original Bunker Hill Monument

Freemasonry is on the rise in America and here in Massachusetts. Thousands of younger millennials have inquired and joined the ranks of membership. Freemasonry is a charitable fraternity, involved in local and state charities, such as the Shriners, Eye Foundation, local schools with the Angel fund, the Dare program, the CHIP program and many other charities. If you would like to find out what Freemasonry is all about you can go to Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts website at https://massfreemasonry.org. The local lodge site is under construction. If you would like more information directly and get a private tour, contact Bruce Rollins at 617-347-1352.

— Donald Norton

# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #152

#### **Foundations**

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The oldest existing house in Somerville is the historic Oliver Tufts Homestead at 78 Sycamore Street. This 304-year-old wooden structure was once the headquarters of Colonial Army Major General Charles Lee during the 1775-1776 siege of Boston. The town of Lee, Massachusetts was named after him.



Somerville's most unique edifice is the 1847 Enoch Robinson Round House. Built on Spring Hill to the specifications of his inventive mind, it was a masterpiece of its time.

European architecture in Somerville traces back as early as 1623. Thomas Walford's palisade, which surrounded his English-style thatched roof house, was the first structure built in this area. It was located near the corner of Dane and Washington Streets. Somerville was almost named after him.



The foundation of the Massachusetts Bay Colony took place with the erection of Governor Winthrop's farmhouse on the shore of the Mystic River in 1630. After standing for 47 years at Ten Hills, it was replaced by the Temple House. Sir Robert Temple's manor was built and dismantled in England and then brought to America.

During the late 1800's, Somerville became one of greater Boston's coveted bedroom communities. Many large business owners chose to live here and built their companies with addresses close to or on the Somerville border. Some were H. P. Hood & Sons, Schrafft's with its ninety-year old landmark sign, and the Stickney & Poor Spice Company, the country's oldest.

Somerville's skyline has had many changes:

- America's first born and eminent architect, Charles Bull-finch, created the Barrell Mansion on Cobble Hill. He later redesigned the structure into the McLean Asylum that was the forerunner of Massachusetts General Hospital.
- Edward Lippincott Tilton, developer of the United States
- Immigration Station at Ellis Island, also Continued on page 20



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# **Teen Empowerment**

**CONT. FROM PG 1** 

melting, a fact that leads to Gore's statement, "There is a message in this: it is worldwide."

Community Facilitator Milla Maia emphasized that the movie's narrative about climate change is an important one for young people to be hearing, as they will be impacted the most by this process.

"Young people often put issues like global warming on the back burner because it doesn't directly affect them in ways they see," said Maia. "Youth is one population that will be dealing with all of these issues later on but aren't directly attached to it right now. They disregard it, but this [the screening] is one way to draw them back and show that it will affect them in the future."

Following the screening, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Somerville Hannah Payne led an exercise using a program called the World Climate Simulation, through which students participated in a roleplay as United Nations committee members. They practiced negotiating terms including how much they would reduce carbon dioxide emissions, how much they would promote afforestation, and how much they would contribute to a global fund, taking into account the positions of their country blocs. The program calculated the effect these changes would have on the earth's environment, as delegates sought to keep climate change below two degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels globally.

"They are learning what climate change means on a global scale and the different roles different parts of the world need to play. They are understanding the context, that this is a big problem but one that can be solved if we work at it," said Payne.

Teen Empowerment is an organization that aims to empower young adults to become agents of social change in their communities. As a response to drug usage, an increase in gangs, and a high suicide rate among youth, Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone called for the formation of a Somerville branch, which opened in 2004. The Library Leaders program meets once a week and hosts an event every month.

"We're not going to eliminate substance abuse, but you can make an impact on their lives and see change in the next generation coming up," said Somerville Director Danny McLaughlin.



Teen Empowerment held a viewing of the film "An Inconvenient Truth."

– Photo by Flickr user Kmar

# What's your feedback?

#### By Greg Karczewski President of US2

That is the question we asked everyone who attended the April 19th public meeting to review the first phase of USQ, a \$1.5 billion transit-oriented development in Somerville's Union Square. The public was invited to give us, Union Square Station Associates, feedback on the design of the first phase of the project, also known as parcel D2, which includes 175,000 square feet of lab/office space, over 400 units of housing, ground-floor retail and civic space.

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting at the Public Safety Building, where we shared our progress and gathered feedback from Somerville and Union Square residents about preliminary schematic and design plans as a first step in the next phase of the city's Design and Site Plan Review process. Representatives from USQ's design team joined me as we walked

on the same night.)



community members through the 4-acre parcel site located on the corner of Prospect Street and Somerville Avenue.

At full build-out, the 15.7acre project will include 1.4 million square feet of new biotech, lab, office, residential and retail space that will generate 5,300 new permanent jobs, along with more than 4,000 new construction jobs and \$11.3 million annually in new property tax revenue. Our project will be comprised of 60 percent commercial and 40 percent residential development and includes 2.5 acres of open space.

Working together, we will build upon all of the great things happening in Union Square to execute our collective vision and create a new destination for employers and a place for more people to work, live and discover everything that makes this neighborhood so vibrant. Please visit http://www. unionsquarestationassociates. com/ to keep up to date on our progress and get involved in this collaborative process.

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# **Spring 2018 ResiStat Meeting schedule**

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Board of Aldermen invite residents to the Spring 2018 ResiStat Community Meetings, a twice-yearly effort to share the latest city news, data, and neighborhood updates directly with residents and gather their feedback. Seven neighborhood meetings, one in each ward, will be held in the coming weeks. The schedule is as follows:

Ward 6 (greater Davis Sq. neighborhood): May 8, TAB Building Senior Center Room, 167 Holland St.

Ward 5 (Magoun Sq., NE Ball Sq., Cedar & Lowell St. areas, NW Porter Sq.): May 14, Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St. Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq.): May 14, West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd. (That's not a typo - The meetings in Wards 5 and 7 are taking place

Ward 2 (S. Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area): May 22, Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

Ward 1 (East Somerville, Assembly Sq.): May 30, East Somerville Community School Auditorium, 50 Cross St.

Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills): May 31, Healey School, 5 Meacham St.

Ward 3 (N. Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill): June 5, Somerville High School Library (enter through the Field House doors), 81 Highland Ave.

Meetings run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with refreshments at 6:00 p.m. For more info about ResiStat, or with any questions, contact ResiStat Coordinator, Meghann Ackerman, at MAckerman@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2120.

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# COMMENTARY

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# **Be Somerville**



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville!

#### Public Hearing on Proposed Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition, May 7

Members of the public are invited to attend the second public hearing hosted by the Board of Aldermen to discuss the updated proposal for a transfer fee home rule petition. The updated version would exempt ALL owner-occupant sellers as well as ALL buyers who will be owner-occupants. The updated proposal would authorize the City to impose a fee of up to 1% on investors, developers, and absentee landlords who buy property in the City of Somerville, as well as up to a 1% fee on investors, developers, and absentee landlords who sell property in the city. More information is available at www.somervillema.gov/ transferfee.

When/where: Monday, May 7,

at 6 p.m. at Somerville City Hall in the 2nd Floor Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Ave. Spring ResiStat Meetings

ResiStat meetings are twice-yearly series of community meetings where residents have the opportunity to interact with the mayor, aldermen, leaders from the Somerville Police Department, City staff - and neighbors. We'll be sharing the latest city and neighborhood updates as well as the data-based problem solving discussions that help drive decision making at City Hall. All meetings take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with free pizza and socializing beginning at 6. Meetings begin on Tuesday, May 8, with the Ward 6 meeting. The full schedule can be found at www.somervillema.gov.

# Minibond Information Sessions, May 15 and 23

The City of Somerville will soon offer residents the opportunity to invest in Somerville's future by purchasing minibonds. A minibond is similar to a traditional municipal bond in which investors loan money to a city or public agency for an agreed period of time, receive interest on the investment, and get their loan paid back when the bond matures. The City, through broker-dealer Neighborly Securities, expects to sell up to \$500,000 in minibonds in its first ever minibond

sale, which will take place during the purchase period from May 18 to May 25, 2018. Minibonds will be available for purchase by Somerville residents and will be sold in \$1,000 denominations and allotted and filled on a first-come, first-served basis on orders of up to \$20,000.

Neighborly representatives, along with City staff, will hold two Minibond Information Sessions to answer questions about the minibonds and the ordering process. Attendance is not mandatory for placing a minibond order. Contact Neighborly with questions at support@neighborly.com/somerville. FAQs are also available at www.somervillema. gov/minibonds.

When/where: Tuesday, May 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Argenizano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St. And Wednesday, May 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria, 177 Powder House Blvd.

# Apply for the Somerville Fair Housing Commission by May 11

The Somerville Fair Housing Commission was formed to help prevent housing discrimination in Somerville. The Commission receives complaints about possible fair housing violations and provides information and assistance to residents, including referrals to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. For more information about the Fair Housing Commission and to apply, contact Bryant Gaspard, Program Specialist-Fair Housing/Operations at bgaspard@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2578. For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/fairhousing.

# ArtFarm Community Meeting, May 8

Continue the ongoing conversation around ArtFarm, which is located on the old waste transfer site at 10 Poplar St. Learn more about the ArtFarm project at www.somervillema.gov/artfarm.

When/where: Tuesday, May 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the Argenizano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St.

Applications Available for FY18 CPA Funds Due May 23 The Somerville Community Preservation Committee, which oversees the allocation of CPA funds, has designated more than \$1.2 million in Fiscal Year 18 funds for affordable housing projects. These funds will be allocated by the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust to directly address housing need in Somerville. Applications and additional information are available at www.somervillema.gov/ AHTF by clicking on "funding opportunities." Questions

about these RFPs can be directed to Heidi Burbidge, Housing Programs Coordinator, City of Somerville, (617) 625-6600 x2587 or by email at hburbidge@somervillema.gov.

More information on the Somerville Community Preservation Act can be found at www. somervillema.gov/cpa.

#### Tufts Partnership Agreement Community Forum, May 29

Join a discussion about how we can grow and strengthen the partnership between the City of Somerville and Tufts University.

When/where: Tuesday, May 29, at 6 p.m., at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.

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#### City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

# Why I Joined the Somerville Stands Together Rally

#### By Jack Lister

As a retired Somerville resident, I have seen this city go through many changes and unfortunately not always for the better when it comes to shared economic prosperity. I'm proud that we are an inclusive and inviting city, at one time where everyone had a chance to make it. But city leaders are taking our beloved home in the wrong direction when it comes to economic fairness for our working families.

When I was a young union construction worker raising my family here in Somerville, I could count on the fact that I would make a good wage – enough to support a family, buy a home, and stay in the city I love. But now I see the city allowing out-of-town developers to use outside non-union labor, paying well below community standard wages and benefits, cutting corners on safety, and making it harder for workers to afford to live in Somerville.

With the amount of construction work happening in our city, Somerville resi-

dents should be able to work in Somerville, and it's a shame our neighbors have to leave Somerville to find good jobs in construction.

The lost opportunity of Assembly Row is a tragedy for our city. Those could have been good construction jobs to help families stay in Somerville. But they weren't. They were given to out-of-state contractors, many with bad track records who exploited workers and worsened our city's housing crisis; even as the out-of-state developers of Assembly Row made a fortune. Now, union construction workers say they worry it will be the same story in Union Square.

It's a disgrace if we can't hang on to the values that make Somerville great – diversity and opportunity for all. If we want to keep racial and economic diversity, we've got to make sure that people can afford to stay here. That means affordable housing and jobs with high enough wages to support a family. We need both if we are going to live up to our reputation as a progressive city.

Our support of local working families must include the public service workers who keep our city running, who keep us safe and who educate our children. Our police, firefighters, school nurses and librarians have no contract right now, which means they haven't had a raise in years. Meanwhile rents, health care and other costs keep skyrocketing.

I'm a proud voter, and when I go to the polls, I expect my elected local leaders to represent my interests, and those of my neighbors. But City Hall has failed to hold developers accountable to pay fair community standard wages and benefits, and adhere to safety standards. Instead, the city has given tax breaks to the very companies that are cashing in on our community.

That's not how I want my taxpayer money spent. I want it to be spent to uplift our public service workers and their families. I want my tax money used to uphold the values of an honest day's work for an honest day's pay from an honest company, that will end up being reinvest-

ed right here in Somerville.

We can enact policies that promote responsible development and they invest in affordable housing. We can have both, if our local leaders have the will to change course and do the right thing. No more false choice that it has to be one or the other.

Here are some simple suggestions: No more sweetheart deals to developers. No more turning a blind eye to workers' rights. Ensure developers make strong commitments to affordable housing and strong commitments to workers.

Because right now, City Hall is taking working people for granted and trying to pit us against one another. We're not falling for it.

Jack Lister is a retired union construction worker, Somerville resident, and an active member of Somerville Stands Together, a new coalition advocating for a truly progressive Somerville that includes respect for workers and affordable housing. More at SomervilleStandsTogether.com. listerjck@aol.com

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



# **Our View Of The Times**



If there's one thing that most of us agree on, it's that there's a dire need for more affordable housing for those with moderate incomes.

And speaking of incomes, there are many in the city who are working hard yet barely making ends meet. There is an obvious need for better paying jobs as well. Enter Somerville Stands Together, a newly formed coalition of residents, activists and labor union members, hoping to hold sway over the city's administration in hopes of changing policies in favor of the small fry, the regular people who – stealing a reference from the great Capra film *It's A Wonderful Life* – do most of the working and paying and living and

dying in this community.

The group wants the city to curtail all the house flipping and big developer favors, asking instead for programs to be put in place to help accelerate the expansion of more affordable housing units as quickly as possible.

They also expect city worker contracts and long overdue wage increases

to be taken seriously in their efforts to better their lives here in the city they call their home.

Practically all of us yearn to better our circumstances. Very often the question of how best to accomplish this is left unanswered and the way ahead unclear.

One thing is certain, a good number of residents have made their wishes heard.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

who works at the Somerville DPW and is very popular here in both Somerville and Medford, Kevin "Mucca" McDevitt, is still out with a lot of pain from a torn meniscus that he suffered while on the job. He's recently had an operation, and we wish him the best and a speedy recovery.

The Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation presents its 2018 drawing to help our students that are graduating. The drawing is for the chance to win \$10K plus by selling \$100 tickets. If you have done this in the past you know how it's done. Make out a check payable to the S.H.S. Scholarship Foundation and mail it to SHS Raffle c/o Joesph Favaloro, PO Box 440275, Somerville 02145. Or you can call Joe at 617-666-8473 or Gene Brune at 617-628-5835. As soon as they receive your check they will mail out the ticket(s) to you. Only a certain number of tickets are being sold, so hurry up. Help a student and get the chance to win \$10K. The drawing is set for May 18, 7:00 p.m., at the Highlander Café, Somerville High **School**. Refreshments will be served.

How different the new Board of Alderman members are. The Board has

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definitely gone far left progressive, along with other elected officials here in Somerville. We heard from a few sources that not one elected Somerville official showed up for the **Respond Gala** that was held recently. Respond does a great job. Its sole purpose is to end domestic violence here in Somerville. We've seen this Board of Aldermen change at other times in the past, it's just too bad when our own elected officials don't support local charities, especially this one!

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Big happy birthday to our good friend over at Ball Square Café, the man with the smiling face, Mike Moccia. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to another great guy and restaurant owner, Brett Henry, of the famous Henry family at Mt. Vernon Restaurant. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday this week to Linda Beebe, who is celebrating this week. Also, happy birthday to Anthony Fraser, who grew up in East Somerville. Happy birthday to our good friend and attorney Frank J. Kautz II, celebrating this week as well. Sal Ferro III is celebrating this week. He is well known here in Somerville and the son of our photographer, Claudia and her husband Sal. He comes from a great family

and we wish him a great birthday! To all the others we may have missed – and yes, we must admit there are a few more out there – we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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Sources are telling us that the so-called two-year audit on the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund website (City Hall site) isn't really an audit, as it's more a review and really not that good of a review. Funny how with ten years of the actual business of taking in taxpayer money and giving it out, the city neglects to post any audits, except recently. The so-called one which is really, once again, a review. Audit where the money comes from and who gets it, the public has a right to know. We hear that Somerville Community Corporation Director Dennis LeBlanc also sits on the Board of Directors of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. If his organization benefits from the funds at the Housing Trust, why is there no report of where the money goes and how it benefits the residents of Somerville? Several of the Board of Aldermen members are or have been associated with SCC as well. Funny how no audit is called for by them, and they recently voted to approve a \$6M bond for that fund. Who gets it? Is something

wrong here? Conflict of interest? Just like most of those that appeared at the various hearings never disclosed they either currently or in the past were affiliated with Somerville Community Corporation, yet spoke in favor of the proposal. Including the director himself, who got up and talked at one of the hearings and never disclosed who he worked for and that he was on the Board of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Why are the Board of Aldermen and the mayor so interested in this TAX on homeowners? Are Somerville residents going to benefit from the fund, and if so what's the percentage of residents as opposed to non-residents? Seems like this mayor and the Board of Aldermen - both present and in the past - can't say no to a tax increase whatsoever. Oh sure, we hear that they changed it again, but once it's voted in nothing stops the city from going from 1% to 5% tax to those that sell and, if they want, also from developers only to homeowners? Remember when the last time a tax was instituted and then removed? Oh, that's right, never happened. Why no audit, even today? Transparency, where is it? Transparency is a word that some of the present Board of Aldermen members frequently use but might not know Continued on page 21

# WSNS Multicultural Night

A Multicultural Night was held at the West Somerville Neighborhood School by West Somerville Neighborhood School Friends and Families on April 26, in the school Cafetorium.

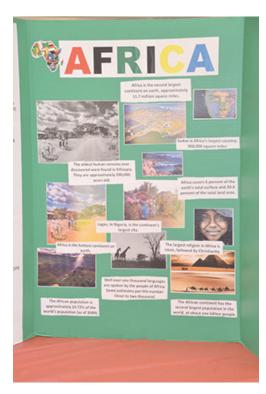
Participants learned about various cultures and sampled foods native to peoples from all across the globe.

































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# **SPORTS**

# Boston Marathon bombing survivors visit Kennedy School students

Jessica Kensky and her husband Patrick Downes, along with Jessica's service dog Rescue, recently visited the Kennedy School and shared a children's book the Cambridge couple has written about Jessica's recovery from injuries suffered in the Boston Marathon bombings five years ago. They also talked about the special role that Rescue now plays in Jessica's life.

Five years ago at the Boston Marathon, Jessica and Patrick were watching runners cross the Boston Marathon finish line when the bombs went off. They each lost their left leg below the knee. Jessica later also required amputation of her right leg.

Jessica and Rescue have now developed a very special relationship as Rescue helps Jessica navigate daily life, assisting with turning on lights, opening doors, and fetching her cellphone or her prosthetic legs, among other tasks.

Rescue entered Jessica's life through the generosity of NEADS, Inc. (National Education for Assistance Dogs Services), who donated the 2017 ASPCA Dog of the Year to the couple. Jessica and Patrick are sharing their story and their book, Rescue & Jessica: A Lifechanging Friendship, to help spread the word about the important role that service dogs play, and the inspiring and incredible bonds that form in the process.

Thanks to Bonnie Sherman, the Kennedy School's Read to a Child Coordinator who orga-



nized this event, and Candlewick Press who provided books for staff to have prior to the visit, Kennedy School students in grades K-3 had an opportunity to meet the authors and Rescue, listen to the couple's children's story, and ask questions.

Ms. Scrima's Kindergarten class also had an opportunity

to enjoy a special preview with the authors during a read aloud that Jessica and Patrick had with the students.

— Somerville Public Schools

# Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #626

- 1. Who is the all time leading point scorer in NBA history?
- 2. What band was Lionel Richie a member of before he started his solo career?
- 3. What does the French dish Poutine consist of?
- 4. What are the three species of elephants that are currently recognised?
- 5. What is the regulation height for a basketball hoop?
- 6. In the early Popeye comics what did he do to get his superhero strength?

- 7. In what year did Frank Zappa die?
- 8. What was Jimmy Hoffa's middle name?
- 9. What was the name of the 1976 concert film featuring rock band Led Zeppelin?
- 10. What is the heaviest naturally occurring element found on Earth?
- 11. What three countries share a border with North Korea?
- 12. What artist created the sculpture *The Thinker?*

Answers on page 23

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# **Costume Upcycling Workshop**

Kids of all ages celebrated SustainaVille Week on Saturday, April 28, at the Somerville Public Library and got in touch with their inner superheroes by creating fabulous upcycled costumes to wear to the library-wide Comix Con coming up on May 5. Participants turned paper rolls into superhero cuffs, create one-of-a-kind headbands, decorate masks, and more. The program is offered as part of SustainaVille Week 2018 in partnership with the City of Somerville Office of Sustainability & Environment.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro















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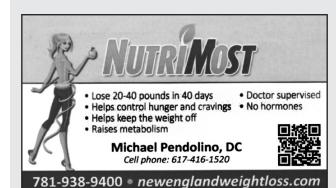
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**PLANNING DIVISION** 

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 3rd floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA.

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20 Electric Avenue (ZBA 2018-49): Applicant and Owner, 20 Electric Ave LLC c/o Frank Rocci, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending an existing dormer on the right side of the ridge. RA Zone. Ward 7.

26-28 Upland Road (ZBA 2018-43): Applicant and Owner, Upland Road, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to, at a minimum, finish the basement and install window wells within the side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO is also needed. RA zone. Ward 7.

10 Oak Street (ZBA 2018-10): Applicant, 10 Oak LLC, and Owner, Rolando Dongo, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 to upwardly extend the non-conforming right side yard setback, increase the GFA by more than 25% and parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RC zone. Ward 2.

69 Rush Street (ZBA 2018-50): Applicant and Owner, 69 Rush Street, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure, including, but not limited to constructing a rear addition to add another dwelling unit, and parking relief under §9.13 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

22 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-45): Applicant and Owner, William Coombes, sees Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the size of a dormer within the side yard setback and enclose a roof deck. Parking relief under Article

100 Bartlett Street (ZBA 2018-35): Applicant and Owner, Douglas Beaudet, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming 3-family structure by increasing the size of the rear decks, replacing, front façade window with a new entry door (to create a second entry), replace rear windows with doors to decks, convert existing rear doors to windows, replace all windows from 1-over-one to two-over-one. Proposal includes increasing the number of parking spaces from 1 to 3 and creating two bicycle spaces. Parking is addressed under Article 9 of the SZO. RA zone. Ward 5.

134 Holland Avenue (ZBA 2018-48): Applicant and Owner, Silva Realty 2, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a 3-family structure with alterations to include creating an areaway within the non-conforming right side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

20 Electric Ave: http://eepurl.com/dtkeHb

26-28 Upland Rd: http://eepurl.com/dtnkDD

10 Oak St.: http://eepurl.com/dtnk8P

69 Rush St.: http://eepurl.com/dtnllb

22 Cedar St.: http://eepurl.com/dtnlMv

100 Bartlett St.: <a href="http://eepurl.com/dtnlVn">http://eepurl.com/dtnlVn</a>
134 Holland Ave.: <a href="http://eepurl.com/dtnl4P">http://eepurl.com/dtnl4P</a>

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REBID IFB#18-60

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

#### Landscaping services for Healey and Kennedy School

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <a href="http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids">http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids</a> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after <a href="https://oscilla.562/2018">o5c/202018</a>. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: <a href="https://oscilla.562/2018">o5c/17/2018 11:00AM</a>. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals from 05/23/2018 to 05/22/2019.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at <a href="mailto:pwaditwar@somervillema.gov">pwaditwar@somervillema.gov</a> for more information.

Angela M. Allen Purchasing Director 617-625-6600 x3400

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REBID IFB#18-52

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

#### Removal and Disposal of Street Sweeping Debris

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals from 05/21/2018 to 05/20/2019.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at <a href="mailto:pwaditwar@somervillema.gov">pwaditwar@somervillema.gov</a> for more information.

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PLANNING DIVISION

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 15, 2018</u> at 6:00 p.m. at the <u>Arthur D. Healey School Cafeteria</u>, 5 <u>Meacham St</u>, <u>Somerville</u>, <u>MA 02145</u>.

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845 McGrath Highway & 74 Middlesex Avenue (PB2018-09): Owner/ Applicant, 845 Riverview LLC, is seeking a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A (SPSR-A) final level approval of "Assembly's Edge" of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on April 5, 2018. Owner/Applicant seek approval under Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) Article §16.8.3 and §5.2 to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development build on 0.85 acres in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) consisting of 368,030 square feet in two buildings. One building will be 147' containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other, 235' high containing approximately 210 residential units. Both supported by ground floor retail and restaurant space, with structured parking of approximately 290 spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements.

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

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845 McGrath Hwy & 74 Middlesex Avenue: http://eepurl.com/ddSNpf

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
As published in The Somerville Times on 4/25/18 and 5/2/18

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#### SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT BOARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Acquisition of Office Space by Lease for the Somerville Retirement Board

The Somerville Retirement Board invites sealed bids for a lease of commercial space for use as its office for the Somerville Retirement

A Request For Proposal (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Somerville Retirement Board, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA 02144 on or after **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**. The RFP is also available electronically via e-mail request at <a href="mailto:mpasquariello@somervillema.gov">mpasquariello@somervillema.gov</a>

Sealed proposals will be accepted at the above office until <u>May 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.</u> at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Somerville Retirement Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the Somerville Retirement Board would be served by so doing. Late proposals will be rejected.

Proposals should be submitted to:

Michael Pasquariello, Executive Director Somerville Retirement Board 167 Holland Street Somerville, MA 02144

The ideal location will be in a visible and easily accessible area on a main street in the Somerville community on a bus and or train line. The desired lease term is seven years plus two options to extend the lease for five additional years. Lease start date shall be June 1, 2018. Any questions related to this proposal, please call the Retirement Office at (617) 625-6600 extension 4600 or email at <a href="mailto:mpasquariello@somervillema.gov">mpasquariello@somervillema.gov</a>

Michael Pasquariello Executive Director (617) 625-6600 extension 4600 mpasquariello@somervillema.gov

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public meeting on the City's proposed 2018-2022 HUD Consolidated Five Year Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, and the HOME program. The public meeting will be held on May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA. The purpose of the meeting is to present an overview of the 2018-2022 HUD Consolidated Five Year Plan draft and to receive community feedback and input.

Written comments must be submitted by June 18, 2018 @ 4:30 pm and should be sent to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02143 Attn: Elizabeth Twomey or email ospcd@somervillema.gov.

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Joseph A. Curtatone Mayor

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 18-65

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

#### **Pearl Street Water Main Upgrades**

Bid packages for may be obtained online at <a href="https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing">https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing</a> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Wednesday May 2nd**, 2019

Sealed bids will be received until **Wednesday May 30th, 2018 at 11:00am**. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email <a href="mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov">mrichards@somervillema.gov</a> for information and the bid package.

Michael Richards
Assistant Purchasing Director

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 6:00 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mark Niedergang, Chairman of the Committee, for public input on #204954, a proposed Home Rule Petition to authorize a real estate transfer fee, updated as of April 26, 2018. Go to www.somervillema.gov/transferfee to read the updated proposal and find more information.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI18D1127DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** 

Jacqueline Avery vs. Raymond Avery

#### To Defendant

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for <u>Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B</u>

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Jacqueline Avery 240 Albany Street Cambridge, MA 02139

your answer, if any on or before **05/21/2018**. 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: April 9, 2018.

Tara E. De Christofaro Register of Probate

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#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by 1) Somerville Realty Ventures, LLC to demolish the 1914 storage garage; and 2) Adragna Dedic, LLC to demolish a c. 1869 wood-frame at 14 Pearl Street.

The subject of the hearings will be a review of the initial determination by the HPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or <a href="https://discourse-nitema.gov">historic@somer-villema.gov</a>.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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JOHN DELUCA WATER & SEWER DIRECTOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Director of the Water & Sewer Department will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Somerville High School Cafeteria, 81 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to compile testimony from Somerville rate payers relevant to the setting of the Fiscal Year 2019 water and sewer rates. Anyone interested in providing testimony is welcome to attend and will be heard. Written testimony will be accepted until Friday, May 18 at noon to waterandsewer@somervillema.gov.

John Deluca Director

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQ # 18-64

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department requests quotes for:

quotes for:
Plastering and Wall-boarding for the Somerville City hall ANNEX

A Request for Quotes (RFQ) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**. Quotes will be received at the above office until: **05/16/2018 at 11:00A.M.** 

#### Pre-bid Site visit: Friday May 4th 2018, 9:30AM to 10:30AM EST.

The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all quotes if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The estimated contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 05/17/2018 through 05/16/2019.

Prevailing wage applies to this procurement.

For more information, please contact: Prajkta Waditwar at <u>pwaditwar@somervillema.gov</u>

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB# 18-63

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

Advertising Sales for Bike Share System (Blue Bikes)

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Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst, with any questions at  $\underline{\mathsf{tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov}}$ .

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPART-MENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18 SM 002291 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Brian K Coveney and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq.: U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Somerville, numbered 36 Church Street, given by Brian K Coveney to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated June 29, 2004, and recorded at Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43181, Page 11, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before May 28, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on Apr 10, 2018 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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# **ArtFarm Community Meeting, May 8**

Join the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and Ward 2 Alderman J.T. Scott on Tuesday, May 8, for a community meeting to discuss the City's newest open space at ArtFarm. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Argenziano School cafeteria, 290 Washington St. ArtFarm is located on the site of the former waste transfer station at 10 Poplar St.



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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday | May 2

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

Thursday | May 3

#### **Central Library**

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Lego Club!

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

#### Friday | May 4

#### **Central Library**

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

#### **East Branch Library**

Fun Friday Sing-Along with The Music

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Star Wars BINGO and craft 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Saturday | May 5

#### **Central Library**

Comix Con!

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday | May 8

#### West Branch Library

**Puppet Performance** 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

### **East Branch Library**

PAWS TO READ w/DAISY! 3 p.m. -4 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Wednesday May 9

#### **East Branch Library**

Preschool Storytime

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

#### **Central Library**

Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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#### Wednesday | May 2

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. Billy Wylder 17p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Nephrok Allstars

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Thunder Road**

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

#### **Highland Kitchen**

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#### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co. Steven Chagnon

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday | May 3

#### Sally O'Brien's

BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Young Frontier, Ian Fitzgerald|7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

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

#### **Bull McCabe's**

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

#### **Thunder Road**

Wicked Hangin' Chads (Reggae Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Oracle

#### 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Friday | May 4 Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug | 6 p.m. Blame it on Whitman, Duck & Cover, The Downbeat 5 \$10 cover | 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Avi Jacob|7 p.m. Spike the Punch |10 p.m.

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

345 Somerville Ave

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's**

Ali McGuirk First Fridays 9:30 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

#### **Thunder Road**

The Mother Hips

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

May the Fourth Be With You 6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Ghost Town|6:30 p.m. Flamenco Boston|10:30 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

#### The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew

#### 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Bowery Boston Presents: Steve Gunn

#### 8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday | May 5 Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band | 6 p.m. Madonna Cover Night \$10 cover 9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Rachel Marie CD Release w/ Special Guest Lindsey Sampson |7 p.m. Pop Disaster 10 p.m.

#### P.A.'s Lounge

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#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Karaoke 65 Holland St

#### Bull McCabe's

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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#### **Thunder Road**

Patrick Sweany (Blues/Rock), Early James & The Latest, Greg Klyma 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Kaiju Big Battel - Roque ONCE 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

DJ J-Wall

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrewl6 p.m. Ball in the House|9 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### Sunday | May 6

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. Super Smash Covers 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7

The Winfred Horan Trio with Ruthless moon|4 p.m.

#### 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

Rebetoparea 7:30 p.m.

#### 345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub**

**Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country & **Bluegrass** 

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Thunder Road**

Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma| 7p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

#### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

POUND Workout for GRCB!|11 a.m. Rock Parents

Kelly Davidson, Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys, The One Smith, John Powhida International Airport|5

#### 156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Pretty Saro 12:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### The Rockwell

Nano Stern 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday May 7

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

dy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Back Room:

Stump Trivia 8:30 p.m. Radium Girls/Juliana Hatfield|9 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Thunder Road**

**Next Generation Concerts Presents:** Major Moment, Exit 18, FirstBourne, Hunter, Parts Per Million, Queen And The Savage Kings 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Neil Hamburger 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell Smoke & Shadows Burlesque

#### 8 p.m.|255 Elm St Tuesday | May 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar

SYM Tuesdays \$5 cover

#### 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Jazz|8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m.

#### 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub** 

Silver Arrow Band 8 p.m.

#### The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

#### 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

PJ Ryan's

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

#### 8200 **Thunder Road**

Old Fox

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co** 

#### Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Celebrating EveryBODY

#### Wednesday | May 9

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren Backroom Series with Brian O'Don-

ovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. Jamie Laval|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The A-Beez

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Thunder Road**

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

#### **Highland Kitchen**

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#### ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

#### 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Been Out Here Teen Open Mic 6 p.m. Café

Mommybites: Ultimate Moms' Night 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

#### Thursday | May 3 **Central Library**

Highland Ave

PILOT WG Meeting (Our Revolution Somerville) 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **West Branch Library** Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

**East Branch Library** Drop In Knitting

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

#### Friday | May 4

**Central Library** Comix Con Somerville

3 p.m.-6 p.m.

May the Fourth Be With You! : A Star

#### Wars Symposium 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Saturday | May 5

**Central Library** 

Comix Con! 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Somerville Winter Farmers Market** 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Ar-

mory|191 Highland Ave

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

**Family Groups** 

**Bagel Bards** 

#### Sunday | May 6 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God

#### Introduction to Zentangle 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday May 9

**East Branch Library** 

#### **Central Library**

**Book Sale** 5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement Monday May 7

First Day of the Friends of the SPL

### 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.

#### **CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES**

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

**Cross Street Center:** located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

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

#### **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

TTY: 866-808-4851

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

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. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. 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.

Conversations of the Heart – Mondays (see dates below) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. When you experience a loss; whether it is a loved one, a place of employment or even a change in your life, don't process these feelings along; come join our group where we process difficult emotions together in a safe and welcoming environment. For more information or questions please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317. Refreshments will be served. Future dates: Mar. 19, Apr. 2 and May 7.

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. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

Winds for All –Tuesday mornings – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 per class – A music immersion class for those who have never played a woodwind instrument. To reserve your spot or for additional info please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

The Purpose Lab – Friday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us as we learn how to let go of negative emotional patterns and techniques to help us thrive every day instead of just surviving. For additional information,

questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Finger Lakes Region – Monday, May 7 to Friday, May 11 – 5 days and 4 nights - \$989 per person double or \$1389 per person single – includes transportation, lodging, 4 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 1 winery, 2 casinos and so much more. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Nutrition Fair – Thursday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. There will be health screening, food demos, healthy eating tips, recipes, giveaways and more. Join us for a healthy lunch and bingo after. RSVP is a must. If you have any questions, require additional information or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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Mother's Day Special Lunch & Bingo – Monday, May 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. \$5 fee includes lunch, coffee and dessert. Limited seating and transportation. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Housing Fair – Thursday, May 17 – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Meet with local agencies to learn the many ways to age in place. Guest speakers will include Somerville Home, Just-A-Start, Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, The VNA & More. For additional information call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Memories of Lost Ones – Wednesday, May 30 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join Nancy Duffy from Beacon Hospice for a day of remembrance in which we will take time to remember and honor those we have lost over the years. For additional information or questions please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mohegan Sun – Monday, June 4 - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 food coupon, \$10 free bet. Check in is 7:45 a.m. at Holland Street and 8:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

#### HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

**Book Club** – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional info call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

**De-cluttering support group** - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8

weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive "greenhouses." If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

Golden Gals: a.k.a. Women's Group - Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilities this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women's issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more information, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

#### **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Arts & Crafts – Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Social Service Drop In – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335

#### RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

#### WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (Please cut out and save)

Monday: Keep Moving Walking Club\*\* - 9:15 a.m. (H) / Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) / Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

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

Wednesdays: Fit-4-Life - Group A (exercise) - 8:45 a.m. / Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m./ Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) / Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) / Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) / Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

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

**Fridays:** Fit-4-Life - Group A - 8:45 a.m. (H) / Fit-4-Life - Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) /Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

 $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{Adventure Group} - \textbf{Please call for details}$ 

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

\*\* Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

#### DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

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### Somerville Open Studios turns 20

This coming weekend, local artists will open their studios and workshops all over the city to the public during the 20th annual Somerville Open Studios (SOS).

SOS will take place this Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Organized by the non-profit organization of the same name, over 360 artists will be participating in the admission-free event. Additionally, on Friday, May 4, some artists will open their stu-



dios as a preview of the event from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This year's event will be coordinated by Ellien Laramee-Byers, a photographer, illustrator, and part of the Somerville-based Mad Oyster Studios.

Somerville Open Studios (SOS) is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of producing an annual open studio and related events in Somerville, Massachusetts.

For more information about SOS, go to www.somervilleopenstudios.org.

#### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

designed our Central Library that architecturally mirrors the Ellis Island facility.

• Somerville based Safdie Architects has designed six of Canada's principal institutions, and over 75 buildings around the world. Some are The Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, The United States Institute of Peace in Washington D.C., and the \$5 billion Marina Bay Sands Complex in Singapore to name a few.

+ The most recent addition to the Somerville skyline is the \$465 million Partner's HealthCare building located at Assembly Row. The Chicago-based architectural firm, Gensler, who also built the 127-floor Shanghai Tower, designed it. It is the tallest building in China and the second tallest in the world.

From past to present, the works of world-renowned architects have touched Somerville.



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# 3rd Annual Cinema Somerville Outdoor Film Festival



The Somerville Arts Council and Somerville Media Center present an Arts Union and Cinema Somerville Short Film Fest on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. held in Union Square plaza or indoors at SMC (in case of inclement weather). Any further questions, please contact Erica Jones at ejones@scatvsomerville. org. This year's festival theme is *Local Voices*.

These are films driven by powerful stories, captivating subjects and important themes. These are films that portray a distinct viewpoint on our world, by filmmakers with a confident voice. Some examples of LOCAL VOICE are "voices of creativity, voices of change, voices of protest, voices of hopes and dreams, giving voice to the voiceless, etc." The selection committee plans to screen several short films for the audience to enjoy.

#### The CSFF3 Film Festival Lineup:

(this is not the official order for the screening)

Katrina Li: Split

Taylor Copeland: Connecting Leave No Trace to Gentrification Mike Messier: The Nature of the Flame

> Crystal Chandler: Dear Little Project Emilio Guido: Echoes of What Used to Be

Emily Freed: Muse

Linda Fitzpatrick: AI

Nino De La Cruz: Miranda Warning

Ian MacLellan: KIT+RENEE

Risa Gelles-Watnick: Waiting

Chantal Arslan: Museum of Modern Renaissance

John DiLoreto: High Energy Vintage

Rachel Napoliello: Voices

Adrianne Jorge: Songs of Azores

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the meaning, just saying. Watch how this will affect the market here in Somerville and fast. Already, just talking about it is having an effect on the market.

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Somerville is getting a reputation as one of the most difficult cities in which to get a permit. In any department, more especially the **Inspectional Services Department**, some contractors and homeowners are telling the city and us that they can't afford to do business here any longer. It seems like you

can get a PhD from Harvard easier than getting a permit. Imagine, you're a homeowner and want to do work on your own property, get ready for the process to begin. ISD was supposed to be streamlined for the community. Instead it's become more and more cumbersome and costly. This Board of Aldermen and the administration better be careful or the permit process will dramatically slow down and they will see many contractors leave the city altogether. This new plumbing inspec-

tor is also part of the process, just too bad. This isn't going to end well for the homeowner who sees nothing but increases in taxes everywhere.

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Somerville Car Wash is proud to announce its upcoming 50th anniversary with "50 Days of Free" from Tuesday, May 1 through Tuesday, June 19, partnering with fifty Somerville and local businesses to provide a free item during each day of the 50-day celebration. Patrons who purchase any

wash package will be eligible for that day's 50 Days of Free promotional item. There will be a special keyword each day displayed at the exit of the car wash tunnel that can be entered at www.50DaysofFree.com, This will unveil the local business providing their free item for that particular day. Those who are already Somerville Car Wash Gold members, which allows loyal customers one wash a day, can take full advantage of all fifty days in 50 Days of Free.

# SCATV Channel 3 Schedule

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Wednesday,	May 2	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:30pm	The Beantown Beatdown	5:00pm	Reeling Review		The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	Wide Angle	10:30pm	TUTV	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	10:30pm	SOM ARTS
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY the show	6:30pm	Talking Money	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday, May 4	<b>,</b>	7:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
9:00am	DW Global 3000	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Beyond Boston	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Beyond Boston	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
11:00am	NASA TV	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Wide Angle	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	Physicians Focus
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	10:00am	NASA TV	Sunday, N	lay 6	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
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3:00pm	Democracy Now!	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	3:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Youth In Front
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5:30pm	The New Tax Law and the Arts	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	8:00am	Tele Magazine	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
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7:00pm	Donnie Steubins	4:00pm	Gay USA	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
7:30pm	LIVE -Somerville pundits	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	8:00am	Tele Magazine	Tuesday,	May 8
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8:30pm	MediaBot Short Cuts	6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	10:00am	Art and Ideas	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
9:00pm	LIVE - Boston Come Through	6:30pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	Aging Well	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
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12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	10:00am	Road to Recovery
1:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	1:30pm	Talking Money	10:00am	
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	DIWHY Arbor Day Mini-Marathon	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston		DW In Good Shape
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:00pm	DIWHY Arbor Day Mini-Marathon	3:00pm	African Television Network	11:00am	Graphic Content
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8:30am	SomerViva em Português
9:01am	SomerViva en Espanol
11:30am	Rally Point "Women In the Military"
12:01pm	Land Use Committee of the Whole - 5.1.18
6:00pm	Legislative Matters Committee
11:00pm	Middlesex County Update
Thursday	, May 3
12:00am	SomerViva en Espanol
12:30am	Rally Point "Women In the Military"
1:01am	Housing & Community Dev. Committee
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout
9:00am	Congressional Update
9:30am	The Week of the Young Child Celebration
11:30am	Rally Point "Women In the Military"
12:01pm	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"
12:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
2:00pm	The Week of the Young Child Celebration
6:00pm	Legislative Matters Committee
Friday, M	ay 4
12:00am	Senior Circuit April 2018 "Assisted Living"

Legislative Matters Committee

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El Sistema Spring Concert

SHS Softball vs Winthrop

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SHS CTE Fair

SHS Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 2

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Friday, May 4

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Celling Your Soul

Wednesday	, May 2
9:00am	SHS Spring Concert
11:00am	Student of the Qtr ESCS
11:30am	Our Schools, Our City - WHCIS
12:00pm	El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala
2:00pm	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18
3:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Brown School -
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr Kennedy School
4:00pm	Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals
5:00pm	SHS Spring Concert
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11:00pm	Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals
Thursday, I	May 3
12:00am	SHS FOOTBALL 2017
12:30am	SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18
1:00am	SHS CTE Fair
9:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert
10:00am	SHS Softball vs Winthrop
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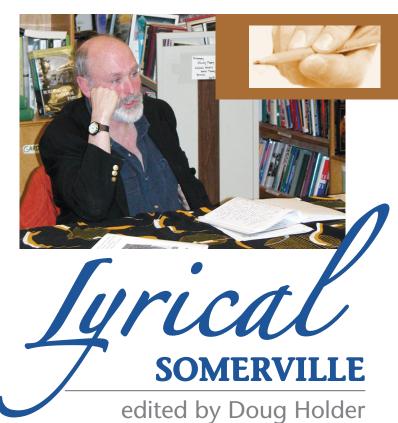
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Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals

11:00pm Wednesday, May 9

Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals 12:00am



David Tisel grew up as an American expatriate in the Netherlands and Germany before moving to the U.S. at age 15. His poems often evoke a sense of place and inbetween-ness, or nostalgia for the present moment. David is currently a graduate student in urban planning at MIT, and he lives in a cooperative house in Davis Square.



#### Little League in Viñales, Cuba

follow the right foul line out ten thousand feet farther than a million dollar run to that cliff face that's jut stark and grey like an old tile roof with trees for moss.

these teams share gloves and we choke back love for a game meaning nothing and everything between innings watching fielders toss baseballs like ripe avocados against the clouds.

swinging for those mountain fences must mean taking wing like the turkey vultures perched on a thermal up to the bluffs—and that's how the afternoon floats and drifts with pitcher set and batter up at the top of the fifth.

- David Tisel

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- 2. The Commodores
- 3. French fries and cheese curds topped with a brown
- 4. African bush elephant, African forest elephant, and Asian elephant
- 5. 10 ft. from the ground to the top edge of the rim
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- magical creature called a whiffle hen
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- 11. China, Russia, and South Korea
- 12. Auguste Rodin

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# OFF THE SHEL

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# 'Smokey of the Migraines'

by Michael McInnis

This review is from Zvi A. Sesling, a member of Somerville's Bagel Bards. He reviews a new poetry collection by local poet Michael McInnis.

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Noir poetry, think Whitey Bulger on the loose, or Mickey Spillane turning to verse and you have just the beginning of Michael McInnis' page turning poetic endeavor Smokey of the Migraines.

There are a few things you need to know about McInnis' 43 page-long book. First, it is a single poem. Second, it is written as if incorporated into the movie Black Mass based on the book of the same name by Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill, a pair of Boston reporters who followed in the footsteps of two other legendary Boston newspaper men, Harold Banks and Ed Corsetti. Later, they would write true crime stories for various national magazines. Third, McInnis' style in this book is fast-paced, almost as if someone added a bump stock to his keyboard. Fourth, there is a cliché that goes "It was so good I couldn't put it down." Well, it certainly applies to Smokey of the Migraines.

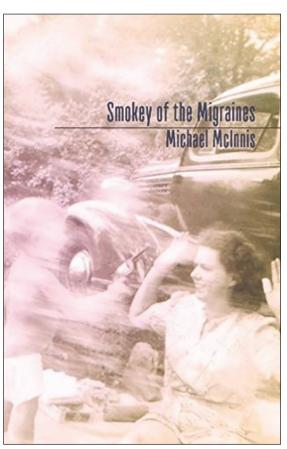
This poem-story minces no words, be it McInnis' extensive vocabulary, or the profanity which is liberally spread through the book. But the best part of the book is the rat-a-tat-tat staccato of the writing:

The migraine takes Smokey outside his body where he exists far from the reach of life, of love, beyond the polished black metal of the Glock 9 he shoves in Sully's mouth, chipping a tooth

The rest gets more interesting as Smokey's thoughts are expanded upon and the migraines become as important and crucial as Smokey himself.

Now throw in some time traveling science fiction:

Smokey don't notice he's lost in the migraine, time traveling, to Dealey Plaza where the sun never sets for the kind, returned, for the king sacrificed, for the king kissing his boots, the Book Depository



a new capitol, and the hundred years between two kings and the letters of their names, the mountain ranges, latitudes and assassins, Sic semper tyrannis!

There are visits to Marat's bath, Trotsky's home, to Constantinople, Ojinaga, Shiloh and encounters with Pancho Villa, Mary Shelley, Leif Erickson and many more. This is reminiscent of Evan Connell's Notes From A Bottle Found on the Beach at Carmel in which history and location become intertwined.

Then again like Dashiell Hammett.

The migraine is a 9 mm under Smokey's pillow.

The migraine of a burner phone on the floor.

The migraine is a whiskey bottle on the nightstand.

The migraine is a dream, a nightmare become blackness

This book, this poem, unlike a good Thanksgiving dinner that is slow to savor, proves to be a fast meal, one you want to take in quickly and enjoy all the way down.

If you enjoy the noir, the criminal element, street language and a great story, this is the book for you. You won't even realize you are reading poetry.

