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City passes Home Rule Petition for real estate transfer fee



After months of research, debate, and refinement the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition has been finalized, approved by the city and is set to be scrutinized by the state legislature.

By Jim Clark

At their latest meeting last week, the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen unanimously passed the final draft of the Home Rule Petition (HRP) designed to target and impede targets house flippers, speculators and investor-owners.

The HRP was the subject of much debate between public officials and the public at large. Many in the community came forward at public hearings to express their views on the matter, both pro and con.

The HRP 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.

Under state law, the city could not institute a transfer fee without the

Art and application to the real word:

Encouraging life to emerge against the odds

By Courtney Young

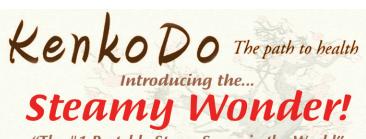
You don't have to be a traditional artist to curate an art exhibit or build up your local art community, as sometimes connecting different artists, their pieces, and a specific theme is an art-form all its own. At least that's what Tori Costa, curator of the Nave Gallery, demonstrated in their most recent exhibit, Secret Gardens.

Centered around imagery of spring and rejuvenation, Costa wanted to illustrate the value of how things flourish when they are cultivated and stimulated. The analogy Costa referenced is from the book, The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett. "Just because things are in disrepair and do not feel hopeful, if you start to take care of and nurture things, rejuvenation happens." She attributes the theme to what we could do in our own world when things seem dark, grim, and likened to a long winter.

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"Secret Gardens" runs through June 17 at the Nave Gallery, 155 Powder House Boulevard, Somerville. - Photo courtesy of Nave Gallery



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Tonight, Ward 7 Alderman and President of the Board Katjana Ballantyne is having a "Spring Fundraiser" tonight, Wednesday, May 30, at Sabur Restaurant from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., located at 212 Holland St. Join neighbors and friends at the fundraiser. She's a very nice lady, informed and smart. We hope to see a lot of her friends and supporters at the event to encourage her on to do a great job as usual.

We hope everyone in Somerville enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend with their families and friends. We here at the The Somerville Times thank all those that sacrificed to keep us free to live in a wonderful country that allows us many freedoms that others don't have. We also want to thank all our police, fire, and EMT personnel who do a wonderful job in Somerville for us all so that we can be safe. Thanks to the men and women who serve the community. It looks like summer has arrived without a spring. Enjoy the summer here in Somerville with all the activity going on throughout the coming months.

Somerville Education Foundation Funds Summer Learning Programs (SEF) is seeking additional donations from the public. The Foundation has funded expanded enrollment in summer programs across the city. SEF worked with the city and Somerville Public Schools to identify quality programming that could be expanded via targeted grants. During summer months, all students are at risk for summer learning loss especially low-income students who lack access to high-quality enrichment that reinforces their school year gains. Fundraising from community leaders and businesses resulted in commitments of over \$12,000 thus far. This will give 60 Somerville children free access to a variety of camps and activities, including programs with Parts and Crafts, Parkour Generations, Somerville Media Center and Mystic Learning Center. SEF continues to raise funds to further expand access for this summer and support future programming. SEF invites individuals, organizations and businesses to join their efforts. This is the first part of a longer-term program to raise and distribute funds to support educational excellence

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: In defense of the transfer fee

JLS says:

To write this apology letter, you must be pretty concerned with the backlash you and the rest of the board have received since forcing this special interest initiative down the throats of the good folks of Somerville. Shame on you and the rest of the board who chose to divide your own community because you were beholden to Our Revolution's agenda. Even though you and the rest of the board know all too well this thing is DOA at the state house. Don't you see the hypocrisy in what you did? Us voters sure have taken notice. Even if this thing did pass the state house it will do absolutely zero to balance affordability in Somerville, actually it will do the complete opposite by creating a larger gap between the top and bottom earners. Simple business economics say, if one is to incur a cost increase then it will eventually get passed along to the end consumer (buyer). This board did nothing by passing this HRP to the state house other than placate their own special interest voting bloc. The next election can't get here fast enough. I think most of us long time Somerville residents have learned a valuable lesson in the first 5 months of this new BOA. It's time to take back our city.

Villenous says:

Good on the Aldermen and the Mayor for getting this done. Doesn't affect residents or those who want to be residents. It'll never cost me a dime, but it will generate cash for affordable housing.

Craig says:

City would be more than happy to go through this "process" to get 2% or 3% or change the language —if it can be added it can be removed.

Old Taxpayer says:

This is where we need a way to review the decisions made by our aldermen and decide if we can reverse their decisions or terminate them from the job they were hire to do. It is obvious they do not want to follow the wishes of the people of Somerville and do what is right. When we work for an employer we are expected to do our job as our employer wants us to. If we go against our employer we either have to do it over right or go find another job. This was clearly not what we wanted and to do so is definitely a snub at the people of Somerville telling us they can do whatever THEY want. They need to be held accountable for this actions.

Christopher says:

So Matt told the voters of Ward 1 that he was going to fight hard for affordable housing. His ward responded by giving him 70% of the vote (me included). So you really think he's now going to get voted out in the next election for fighting hard for affordable housing - just like he said he was going to do?

Middleagedtaxpayer says:

Personally, I don't care much one way or another about the transfer fee. Doesn't impact me, and even if it did I'd be ok with it if it really helped. But arguing that it goes against the wishes of the people of Somerville is kind of hard to argue, given that its passage was one of the central themes of the campaigns of aldermen who won by decent margins last year. If anything, they'd have trouble with voters if they DIDN'T pass it.

DatGruntled says:

Sorry, but every time I have talked to Matt he has done nothing but lied. I love how he yelled and screamed about FRIT and said the deal should be thrown out, but getting the deal, which as far as I can tell he had nothing to do with, was one of the accomplishments he listed when he ran for reelection. If it was so bad that people should be fired for it, why would you list it as an accomplishment?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I am writing to register my disagreement with the proposed Fire Suppression Charge.

I disagree not with the concept of having some fee, but rather with the excessive amount of the fees. Beyond mere self-interest (the building we live in has a fire suppression system), I feel that private sprinkler owners are being unfairly targeted as part of addressing a systemic problem with our water system.

By way of comparison, local cities and towns Arlington, Boston, Cambridge, Framingham, Norton, and Springfield all have such fees. But their fees for, e.g. a 4" pipe, average \$371 annually. The Somerville proposed fee for the same 4" pipe is \$1,240 annually.

I attended the Public Hearing held at 6:30 pm, May 14th 2018 at the Somerville High School cafeteria. The meeting was informative, and Water and Sewer Department Director John DeLuca gave a clear background overview of our water system's problems. Surprisingly, not a single Alderman was in attendance.

I understand from Mr. DeLuca that many of our water "mains" are 100 years old, and need to be proactively replaced, not simply reactively repaired when they fail. Further, I understand that fire suppression systems (which I believe include residential fire suppression

sprinkler systems along with public fire hydrants) require sufficient water pressure to function usefully. This leads to a theory that private fire suppression system owners should shoulder some part of the burden imposed by, presumably, creating a requirement to replace aging pipes either sooner than otherwise, or with bigger new pipes than would otherwise be needed.

(I further learned that some relatively small percent of the annual operating budget of the Water and Sewer Department gets spent on the servicing associated with residential fire suppression systems -- I don't see any fairness issue expecting those of us causing those operating budget costs to pick up those costs and would welcome greater visibility into what these costs are.)

So far, so good. It is fair to expect us to shoulder costs associated with our sprinkler systems. I support Mr. DeLuca's efforts to get our system on a better path, and am willing to pay my fair share to that end.

But I left the Public Hearing with several misgivings and unanswered questions:

1) While arguably a building equipped with a fire suppression sprinkler system is safer for residents and firefighters (in fact the National Fire Protection Association shows a 67% safer outcome

for firefighters in a sprinkler-equipped building), our City financial structure whereby the Water and Sewer Department is meant to pay its own way means that any safety gain, cost or harm avoided, or even lives saved by sprinklers, as a benefit, cannot be used by the Water and Sewer Department to offset whatever the costs might be of servicing said sprinklers. This budgetary division, while no doubt based on sound financial governance principles, makes sense assuming a well-managed system. But...

2) Manifestly, we have not had a well-managed water system. We apparently have not been proactively replacing pipes and mains, and instead have allowed our infrastructure to age beyond reasonable life. This lack of professional management, no doubt extending back many decades, is now on all of us to deal with. But to expect us now to bear extra costs for that failure, while previous generations took a "free ride", seems unfair. Minimally, I would expect a more long-term transition plan, to bridge the gap between that accrued "infrastructure debt" toward a properly maintained water system. This mismanagement of the water system infrastructure cannot be blamed solely on the Water and Sewer Department.

3) Mr. DeLuca was unable to provide the underlying cost-model that produced the proposed fees at the meeting. I don't think it is fair to apportion costs to a minority of property owners (600 of us, apparently) without letting us see how those costs were calculated. Furthermore, I want to know if the cost of maintain-

ing adequate pressure to the City's fire hydrants was part of the formula or not. The City would have to maintain that fire hydrant pressure even if none of us had sprinkler systems.

4) Another fairness issue -- buildings with sprinklers burn slower and cause less harm to people and property. They also spread fewer fires to neighboring buildings. This benefit of sprinklers is why we now mandate them for some buildings. Why should those living in buildings without sprinklers enjoy a free ride by having safer buildings in their neighborhood yet shoulder none of the costs? How is this fair?

In closing, I think there are many potential inequities of charging a minority of City property owners a fee that is several times larger than neighboring towns. Presumably those towns manage to maintain their water systems with these more reasonable charges, and so I can only surmise that we are being unfairly asked to shoulder too much of the burden of a mismanaged past. I know we all have this problem together, and as a loyal resident of Somerville, I will be happy to pay my fair share of fixing our ailing water system.

But please do not target those of us with safer buildings, who already shoulder the costs of annual backflow inspections and other ongoing costs, to pay many times the fee of neighboring cities and towns.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Robbins Somerville

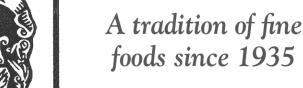
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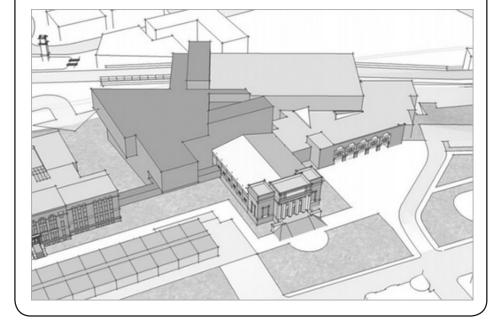
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Somerville High School Building Project Update

Work on the Somerville High School building project is underway! Students and staff are comfortably situated in the new modular classrooms, and the East 1929 classroom wing is being prepared for demolition and abatement. You can watch the progress unfold on a Live Construction Feed available on the project website at www.somervillema.gov/highschool. As part of the planning process for the transformation of Somerville's Central Hill Campus, the City invites you to a public meeting on Thursday, May 31, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss transportation, landscaping, sustainability, mobility, and other topics related to Somerville's Central Hill Campus - home to City Hall, Somerville High School, and the Central Library. The meeting will take place at the Somerville High School cafeteria.



THE WEEK IN CRIME By Jim Clark

Unable to park in driveway, ready to kill

While working a paid road detail last week, a Somerville police officer was flagged down by several of the workers and an unknown female at the corner of Cedar St. and Cedar Ave.

According to reports, it appeared to the officer that something serious was occurring as these people were flapping their arms in the air in a nervous manner.

As the officer ran around the corner onto Cedar Ave., he observed a man, later identified as Joseph Shahbazian, yelling at several of the construction workers, using obscene and hateful language, according to the officer, who asked Shahbazian to calm down so he could find out what had occurred.

Shahbazian reportedly looked at the officer and said, "I want you faggots off my property." When asked to clarify what he had just stated, Shahbazian then said he wanted the workers to leave his property as he owned the home at the corner of Cedar St. and Cedar Ave.

The officer explained to Shahbazian that the workers were on a public way and were not on his property, to which he reportedly replied that the work around his home has been going on for years.

The officer explained to Shahbazian that the work was nearing an end and that the workers were just trying to fix the streets and sidewalks near his home.

Shahbazian reportedly yelled back that he could not get into his driveway and had to park his vehicle around the corner. The officer asked Shahbazian if he had asked the workers to move and he admitted that he had not.

The officer asked Shahbazian to calm down once again as he reportedly began swearing at one worker in particular.

This worker told the officer that he was on his lunch break when Shahbazian walked to the work truck and began kicking it multiple times. The worker asked Shahbazian to stop kicking the truck and asked what the problem was, as this incident seemed to come out of nowhere.

According to the worker, Shahbazian became outraged and yelled profanities at him.

The worker did not want any problems with Shahbazian, so he attempted to walk away. As the worker turned to go, Shahbazian reportedly kicked him in his lower back area, causing him to almost fall forward.

worker reportedly turned around and became upset with Shahbazian, but resisted any thoughts of becoming physical with him, and that he was in a state of discomfort after being kicked.

The worker said he told Shahbazian, "All you had to do was ask us to move the truck and we would have."

The officer asked Shahbazian to go into his home and to calm down as he was still yelling in the street. Shahbazian began walking up the side stairs to his home but stopped halfway up and began yelling again, using foul and hateful language, and saying that he did kick the worker.

The officer asked Shahbazian to calm down or he would place him under arrest, at which point he reportedly looked at the workers and the officer and velled that he would kill them all, once again using hate speech and obscenities.

Shahbazian then quickly began walking up the remaining steps, but the officer asked him to stop. Due to Shahbazian's manner, hateful words, and threats to kill, he was worried for the safety of the workers as well as his own. The potential that Shahbazian may attempt to arm himself inside of

his home and attack someone became more prevalent as the officer could see his demeanor become increasingly angry.

The officer ran to Shahbazian and placed him under arrest. As he attempted to place Shahbazian in custody, he initially resisted the officer's efforts and yelled that he should not be touched.

The officer was able to place Shahbazian into custody and radioed that he needed a mobile detention unit.

While waiting for the mobile detention unit, Shahbazian reportedly told an officer who had arrived as backup that he did not care because he has many friends in the Somerville Police Department.

Shahbazian was transported to Somerville Police Headquarters for booking on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime.

Arrests:

Joseph Shahbazian, of 73 Cedar St., May 21, 12:17 p.m., arrested at Cedar Ave. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime.

Orville Maxwell, of 40 Ramsey St., Dorchester, May 22,

3:58 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Dijon Sackie, of 32 Farnum St., Pawtucket, RI, May 24, 11:28 a.m., arrested at Sewall St. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle,

receiving a stolen motor vehicle, and fugitive from justice.

Ailton Ornelas, May 26, 10:20 p.m., arrested at Sydney St. on charges of possession of a class B drug and felony nighttime breaking and entering, and on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, larceny under \$250, and larceny of credit card.

Brian Swanson, of 35 Baker St., Brockton, May 28, 12:27 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

John Polito, of 58 Bradley

St., Marshfield, May 28, 12:27 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Anthony Coleman, of 840 Pleasant St., Norwood, May 28, 4:31 p.m., arrested at Fellsway on a warrant charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

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City passes Home Rule Petition for real estate transfer fee CONT. FROM PG 1

permission of the state legislature. Therefore, the city first sought the approval of the Board of Aldermen to submit the HRP to the state 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 stated intent to launch a broad community discussion on this issue. The outcomes of that discussion would guide the deliberations about any final ordinance.

Once implemented, revenues generated by the transfer fee would be directed to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (SAHTF), created in 1989 by a city ordinance to preserve and create affordable rental and homeownership units in Somerville, and to carry out programs to directly assist homeowners and renters. All of its activities are intended to benefit low to moderate income households (with incomes at or below 110% of area median income).

Prior to the final vote on approval of the HRP at last week's Board meeting, a number of procedural matters were addressed. The Director of SPCD was

asked to prepare a detailed explanation of how funding from a transfer fee or other local sources could fund housing initiatives.

Additionally, the Director of SPCD was asked to share options for establishing the residency status of prospective buyers, as related to exemptions and the proposed transfer fee.

Also, the Administration was asked to draft the minimally necessary language to amend the HRP to allow a separate fee on the buyer and seller based on their status as a resident/own-

er-occupant, including estate protection for a decedent who has such status.

After the HRP was approved by the Board, Mayor Joseph Curtatone immediately signed the document.

In a public statement, the mayor expressed his gratitude to the Board for bringing the process to completion.

"Huge credit to the BOA for the serious, open process that led to this vote," said the mayor. "They made thoughtful amendments and built consensus. Community advocates also played a big role, keeping us focused on the big issue (a housing emergency that must be addressed) and asking tough questions that demanded serious answers. The city's housing and legal departments also burned the midnight oil to make sure every i got dotted and every t got crossed. This is how government is supposed

The mayor also offered his thanks in advance to the Somerville legislative delegation. "They have already been involved in this process and they are ready to support this to the hilt as moves to Beacon Hill."

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their community just as much as the community supports the arts. A facet special to the Nave Gallery is their "Guests Curator Program," where if a member of the community has an idea about a show or exhibit, they can send in a proposal to info@navegallery.org, as they are always looking for new and fresh ideas.

Although Somerville does not have a lot of space for artists throughout the city, artists are encouraged to engage with the exhibit by attending the gallery. Looking at Taylor Apostol's "Suspended Drawings" shows that artists in Somerville aim to provide an interactive exhibit for the public. Apostol's piece features one mesh hanging of drawings done by the artist, mirroring another cocoon-shaped enclosure filled with art by the viewers of Secret Gardens. Complete with a table of paper and art supplies, guests are welcome to place their own drawing into the suspension.

Costa loves art based around the botanical role, but wanted a deeper meaning such as the celebration of life; something visual that represents what we could do in our own world. She hopes that the community gets a sense of oneness as much as

a sense of inspiration for the arts, in many senses of the word.

"Helping the art community in a sustainable way is quite simple and doesn't take as much time as people think it does; only a couple hours a day can make a huge difference. We have opportunities to volunteer to gallery-sit, promoting shows through friends or social media helps tremendously when it comes to getting foot-traffic through the doors. Other more in-depth ways to help include installing art, programming, moving things, and marketing. It is crucial for the arts to thrive in a community like Somerville where there are so many artists, and where there is so much external pressure where arts are sustainable and visible," Costa states on behalf of both the Nave Gallery and the Somerville Arts Council.

Emily Brodrick is certainly one who understands the importance of keeping traffic flowing through gallery doors. While her piece, Canopy, was on display, Brodrick elected to do a gallery sit. Her artwork featured in the exhibit was a large cut-out boasting independently drawn leaves and botanical pieces, first cut and



Emily Brodrick admires her piece Canopy.

- Photos by Courtney Young

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CALL FOR INITIAL FREE CONSULTATION 617 629-8888 FAX 617 623-7990 then painted. "Without people volunteering for things like gallery sits, our doors don't open, and art isn't exposed or visible to the public," Costa affirms.

Clearly something about the call for submissions really resonated with people, as she received over 500 submissions from all around the world. Featured in the show were about 60 artists with 73 pieces. Since so much interesting work came in and the deeper-context meanings of the pieces are so intriguing, Costa has said that anyone interested in learning more about the artwork featured can follow the Nave Gallery for information on Secret Gardens like back stories, upcoming events, and ways to get involved in the art community as a whole.

"I left submission requirements vague intentionally. I wanted a diverse exhibit and was curious to see how people interpreted what I was looking for," said Costa. She was pleasantly surprised by what she received in return. "I thought I was going to get a lot of pretty traditional botanical art, a lot of green with sort of a darker, secretive feel," she admits. However, Costa ad-

mitted that she got a lot of bold, contemporary pieces bright in color, and it ended up being a completely different show than she thought she was going to get. "I wanted a show that felt like a celebration, and to me, it felt like a celebration."

The free exhibit at the Nave Gallery runs until June 17 at 155 Powder House Boulevard in Somerville, and all are encouraged to come.



A work by Taylor Apostol.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of May 21-25.

HIKE CAR RENTAL TAX BY \$2 TO FUND PO-LICE TRAINING (H 4516)

House 149-4, Senate 37-0, approved an amendment imposing a \$2 tax on car rentals to fund municipal police training.

Amendment supporters said the small fee would raise up to \$10 million annually for this fund established by the criminal justice law signed by Gov. Charlie Baker last month.

"Over the past few years, the role of police officers in our country has changed," said Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick). "We are continually asking more and more of the men and women who risk their lives to protect us, without providing the funding they need to ensure adequate training. We need a consistent revenue source – not reliant on language passing in the state's budget – to ensure that our police officers are trained in the ever-evolving roles we are assigning to them."

"I am a strong supporter our police," said Rep. Shauna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "State revenue is \$809 above expected projections. We don't need to create a new fee to fund police training. This legislation is just another money grab from hard-working people."

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$2 tax to fund police training. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

\$1.8 BILLION HOUSING PACKAGE (H 4536)

House 151-2, Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill funding various state programs to construct and preserve affordable housing in the Bay State.

Provisions include \$400 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that funds a myriad of programs including help for first-time homebuyers; \$100 million for the creation of rental housing that is affordable for working families whose incomes are too high for subsidized housing but are priced out of market rents; \$600 million to rehabilitate and modernize existing public housing; \$60 million for disabled persons and seniors to renovate and modify their homes; and \$45 million for grants to non-profits for early education and out-of-school time program facilities that serve low income children.

Supporters said many people are being priced out of the housing market in the Bay State and the high cost of housing strains already stretched family incomes. They noted the package is a major step toward ensuring Massachusetts develops enough affordable housing.

The two opponents of the package did not respond to Beacon Hill Roll Call's requests to provide their reasons for voting against the measure.

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

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

RED FLAG ON GUNS (H 4517)

House 139-14, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow family or household members to petition the courts to issue an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) that would suspend a person's license to carry a firearm and order him or her to surrender his or her firearms and ammunition if he or she is believed to be a danger to themselves or others.

"I'm proud of the members of the House for passing this bill which will save lives," said House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "In Massachusetts, we have the most effective gun laws in the nation. Now, we have a new way to keep people safe and prevent senseless tragedies. I thank ... my colleagues in the House and the students who raised their voices for their work on this crucial, life-saving measure."

"This new ERPO law will give families a life-saving tool that will help save loved ones who own guns and are in crisis and at risk of killing themselves or others with a firearm," said John Rosenthal, the co-founder and chair of the group Stop Handgun Violence. "Thanks to the courageous leadership of House Speaker Robert De-Leo, this common-sense legislation will save lives and continue to make Massachusetts the national leader in gun violence prevention."

"We need to address mental health issues and effective preventive measures," said Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) who opposed the measure. "Unfortunately, this bill did not address these issues and threatens the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens. Worse yet, it gives more power to the courts rather than keeping it in the hands of local law enforcement."

"This vague, overly broad bill relies on speculation to strip people of civil rights and completely fails to address the problems of people with mental health issues," said Rep. Shauna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "We need to protect the public whether someone has a firearm or truck or a pressure cooker. This legislation gives more authority to the courts at a time when judges are failing to follow the law. It is time to enforce the laws we presently have on the books."

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH (H 4517)

House 42-111, rejected an amendment that would require the court, within 24 hours of the issuance of an ERPO, to assign a mental health counselor to evaluate the individual, assess counseling needs and establish a counseling outline and program. It also requires the Department of Mental Health, if considered necessary, to establish a mental health counseling program for the individual and report back to the court.

Amendment supporters said the issue of mental health is not sufficiently addressed in the bill. They argued the amendment provides a system to determine if the person needs mental health counseling. They noted that without this amendment, the bill only requires the person to be given informational resources, including a list of services relating to crisis intervention, mental health, substance abuse and counseling.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is well-intentioned but would contribute to the stigmatization of mentally ill people. They said the purpose of the bill is to take weapons away from dangerous people. They argued the mental health components should be addressed in a separate bill.

(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

3-DAY MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION (H 4517)

House 34-119, rejected an amendment that would require that the court order a 3-day stay in a hospital and a mental health evaluation of anyone who is the subject of an ERPO.

Amendment supporters said if someone is considered so dangerous and such an extreme risk to themselves or other people, he or she should not be allowed to immediately roam free. They noted that the person could easily use other means, like homemade bombs and knives to do harm.

Amendment opponents said the amendment goes too far and noted that every single incident does not rise to the level that the person needs a 3-day commitment. They said this decision should be left up to then judges handling the case.

(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

BENEFITS AND SERVICES FOR VETERANS (H 4525)

House 150-0, approved a bill that would expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families. Provisions include reducing from five years to two years the residency period required for some veteran's property tax exemptions; increasing coverage for funeral expenses for indigent veterans from \$2,000 to \$4,000; allowing cities and towns to designate a reserved parking space for veterans at city and town halls; and waiving certain training requirements for EMT certification for military trained medical professionals.

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

The Senate has approved a different version of the bill and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



\$41.49 BILLION FISCAL 2019 BUDGET (S 4)

Senate 38-0, approved a \$41.49 billion fiscal 2019 budget. Over a 3-day period, the Senate added an estimated \$75.5 million to the original version of the budget and considered and voted on more than 1,000 proposed amendments.

There were many controversial amendments that that were decided by voice votes or standing votes -- neither of which allows you to see how an individual senator voted. Some of the amendments rejected without a roll call were ones to reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent; reduce the income tax from 5.1 to 5 percent; and give an up to \$1,500 tax credit to family member who are caregivers for a family member over 18.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility. The House has approved a different version of the budget. A House-Senate conference committee will hammer out a compromise version.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

IMMIGRATION STATUS (S 4)

Senate 25-13, approved an amendment that would prohibit police and other law enforcement from asking people about their immigration status. Other provisions end the practice that deputizes state and local law enforcement as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents; bans state resources from being used to create a registry based on ethnicity, religion, country of origin and other criteria; and requires that immigrants

be notified of their due-process rights.

Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton), the amendment's sponsor, said that immigrant communities and families are feeling very fearful. "There's a role for state government, to make sure that no state resources, no state functions, no state power is engaged in Donald Trump's mass deportation agenda -- an agenda that has created divisiveness among religious lines, ethnic lines and racial lines."

"The Senate took a strong stand for Massachusetts values," said Eva Millona, executive director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA). "Sen. Eldridge's amendment will make our communities safer by ensuring that all residents know they can speak to police without fear. At a time when our federal government is tearing families apart, tonight's votes send a powerful message that in our commonwealth, we value and welcome immigrants."

Gov. Baker opposes the proposal. "I don't support it and I would veto it if it ends up coming to my desk," Baker said. "I've said many times that I think decisions like this belong with local law enforcement."

"Gov. Baker opposes a sanctuary state and this amendment does not address the issue of creating clear guidelines for state and local law enforcement to work with federal immigration officials to detain violent and dangerous criminals convicted of heinous crimes like rape and murder," said Baker's Communications Director Elizabeth Guyton.

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

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of May 21-15, the House met for a total of 14 hours and 27 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 30 hours and 29 minutes.

Mon. May 21 House 11:02 a.m. to 3:13 p.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 3:16 p.m.

Tues. May 22 No House session No Senate session

Wed. May 23 House 11:02 a.m. to 9:03 p.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 11:20 p.m.

Thurs. May 24 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 1:08 a.m. (Friday)

Fri. May 25 No House session No Senate 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	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				

Somerville Rotary Club inducts new member David Worzala



On May 15, Somerville Rotary Club inducted David Worzala as a new member at the Holiday Inn Boston/Bunker Hill in Somerville. Worzala and his family moved to the area from Madison Wisconsin, where he was active in the DownTown Madison Rotary Club for the past 15 years. Worzala is a public policy consultant and small business investor. He was previously the Dane County Treasurer responsible for collecting property taxes and safeguarding the County's funds. Prior to being Treasurer, he served on the Dane County Board of Supervisors and worked for the State of Wisconsin. For Worzala, Rotary is a way to provide public service to his community and build fellowship with other Rotarians locally and worldwide. The Somerville Rotary Club is happy to welcome Worzala to their Club and our City of Somerville. Pictured here, new member David Worzala (L) and Somerville Rotary Past-President Paul Kaufman (R).

SomerStreets: Carnaval returns for 2018

SomerStreets: Carnaval returns for the ninth year of shaking up East Somerville! SomerStreets will kick off the 2018 season on Sunday, June 3, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, June 10).

Enjoy the best of the East Broadway Business District and community including food, music, and activities from around the world. Programming will extend along East Broadway from McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Ave. The festival kicks off with a Motion Parade at 2 p.m. beginning at the corner of Kensington Ave. and Broadway. Keep your feet moving with a variety of interactive activities including stilting and parkour. Watch Esh Circus Arts fly through the air. Play soccer and preschool games with



the Somerville Recreation Department. Hop aboard the Arts Council's MUSCRAT bus for a series of shorts filmed in East Somerville, be part of a talk show interview with Somerville Media Center, craft & gadget making with Parts and Crafts, and Lego activities with Federal Realty Investment Trust. Check out the artisan market curated by Somerville Flea. Visit the dunk tank to dunk some of your neighbors and local elected officials!

Check out music throughout the day on three stages! Acts include, Grupo Los Nitidos, A Nova Brazil, School of HONK, M'bolo, Nuz, and Opposite People. Listen to a concert from our very own string section from El Sistema and dance from Rancho Folclórico Corações Lusíadas.

SomerStreets: Carnaval is organized by the City of Somerville, the Somerville Arts Council, and East Somerville Main Streets. For more info visit: https://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets.

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

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

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #154

The Passport

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

As far back as the biblical period of ancient Egypt and Rome, early passport systems were in vogue. It was a time when traveling out of one's country was rare and dangerous. In Rome, official travelers carried a letter in the name of the emperor called a tractorium.



This official tablet would offer safe passage to the bearer into foreign lands. Over the centuries, this system of safe conduct passes or "passports" between countries improved communications immeasurably, helped avoid wars, and advanced international relations. Over time, the passport became a shield for the average person's safe travel between countries. It was a gentleman's agreement between nations.



In America, passports go back to the Revolutionary War. At first, they were issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs that later changed its name to the Department of State. Benjamin Franklin, who observes us from our \$100

bill, invented bifocals, the Franklin Stove, and the lightning rod which protects our historic Somerville Powder House. This American statesman and prolific inventor also designed America's first passport and printed it on his own press. It was a piece of one-sided paper impressed with the description of the person who bore it. The document requested safe passage from France to Holland and was issued for Continental Congressman Francis Dana from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Today the standard United States passport has an American eagle embossed on the cover of its blue, twenty-eight page booklet. The eagle, facing the laurel branch it holds in its talons, denotes peace. Similar to Franklin's original, today's passport describes the bearer, but also describes



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Somerville House delegation votes for gun control legislation

Somerville Representatives Christine Barber, Mike Connolly and Denise Provost joined their House colleagues this week in voting to pass H.4517, An Act relative to firearms, known as the "red flag" bill to allow family members, health care providers and law enforcement to petition the court for an Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) that would suspend an individual's license to carry or firearm identification card if they are deemed at risk of harming themselves or others.

H.4517 serves as an immediate tool for families and law enforcement to prevent potential tragedy, and adds to the Commonwealth's longstanding leadership on common sense gun control. Once an individual files a petition for an ERPO, the court must hold an evidentiary hearing within ten days, at which time a judge

would determine whether a preponderance of evidence suggests the respondent poses a risk of causing harm to himself or others by virtue of possessing a firearm.

"In Massachusetts, police chiefs have the power to issue gun licenses, but also to revoke them. Such revocations are typically permanent. This bill, which is modeled on our existing law for restraining orders, is more flexible, because it entails temporary revocation. It also has additional due process protections," said Representative Provost. "ERPOs must be upheld by a judge, after an evidentiary hearing, and are a means by which family members, who are fearful for their own safety or that of a depressed or volatile loved one, can ask that a dangerous situation be defused, by temporarily removing firearms."

Passage of the legislation

comes after tremendous advocacy by Massachusetts middle and high school students, particularly from Somerville, in the wake of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida in February that took the lives of fourteen students and three staff members. Shortly after the Parkland shooting, Somerville High School students formed Students Against Gun Violence, and were instrumental in organizing rallies and trips to the State House, as well as weekly walk-outs from school, advocating for the red flag bill.

"After seeing some of the worst mass shootings in our country's history in the past several months, it has been incredibly heartening to see the advocacy by families, and especially students in Somerville, that brought attention to and garnered support for the ERPO bill," said Repre-



sentative Barber. "I was extremely proud to vote for this bill, and am proud to represent a district that has been so instrumental in bringing this legislation to the

"As we mark this victory, we should recognize and acknowledge the activism of students at Somerville High School, along with students from across the

country who stood up, organized marches and town halls, made phone calls, sent emails, and focused attention on the need to take this important step. For all of these young activists this is a true accomplishment," said Representative Connolly.

H.4517 passed the House by a vote of 139-14, and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

City awards \$8.2M in CPA funds

This month, the Somerville Board of Aldermen approved and allocated more than \$8.3 million in Community Preservation Act funding to ten open space and historic preservation projects and the 100 Homes Initiative, upon the recommendation of the Somerville Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The Aldermen previously approved the CPC's recommendation to provide \$1,200,402 to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in March.

The funded projects will bring more units of affordable housing and improvements to historic treasures in Somerville including the Elizabeth Peabody House and Prospect Hill Park. CPA will also support design processes for Dilboy Auxiliary Fields, the Brown and West Somerville Neighborhood schoolyards, and the Blessing of the Bay Park along Shore Drive. The Com-



munity Growing Center received funds to implement the design they completed with CPA funding. Funding was also awarded for the first open space acquisition through the CPA at the 5 Palmer parcel, which will add to the Capuano Early Childhood Center schoolyard/Glen Park.

"This year the CPC has made a major commitment to increase the stock of affordable housing in Somerville through recommending the 100 Homes bond," said CPC Chairperson Michael Fager. "We are also working to improve the recreational opportunities in Somerville and to increase open space in Somerville, a goal for which we hope to make greater strides as we continue through our application and appropriation cycles."

The 100 Homes Initiative, implemented by the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC), was awarded \$6 million that will be funded through a bond. Under the initiative, SCC buys multifamily homes, removing them from the speculative market and making them perpetually affordable. To date, the project has acquired 45 units in ten buildings. These homes have preserved 23 tenancies, including five that were in danger of losing units supported with Section 8 vouchers. Five units are designated for homeless households. The \$6 million bond will be used to retire a \$4.4 bridge loan that was used to purchase 27 units. The remaining \$1.6 million will be used for future purchases. SCC anticipates this will purchase approximately nine units, estimating an average per unit subsidy of \$173,000. Using very conservative estimates, the debt service on the \$6 million bond will be 17.5% of the annual CPA surcharge revenue, not including any state match funds or additional funding for CPA from the City, which we receive each year. This percentage will decrease over time as the surcharge revenue increases. Since FY15, the Community Preservation Committee has allocated a minimum of 45% of CPA revenue for affordable housing.

Including these projects, the Community Preservation Act has supported a total of 55 affordable housing, historic resources, and open space/recreation land projects through award of over \$21 million since its adoption in 2012. This includes \$2.5 million in matching funds from the state. Of these funds, 48% has gone to affordable housing, 29% to open space/recreational land, and Continued on page 16

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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!

Spring ResiStat Meetings

ResiStat meetings are a 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. There are three meetings remaining and all meetings

take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with free pizza and socializing beginning at 6. The presentations from the other ward meetings can be found at www. somervillema.gov/resistat. The remaining meetings are:

- Ward 1: Wednesday, May 30, at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.
- Ward 4: Thursday, May 31, at the Healey School, 5 Meacham St.
- Ward 3: Tuesday, June 5, at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave.

Central Hill Campus Plan Meeting, May 31

With construction of the new Somerville High School underway, the City of Somerville is developing a Central Hill Campus Plan. The plan will explore integrating the high school, library, and other civic buildings on the site; improving accessibility for all abilities within the campus; enhancing the user experience on the site; celebrating the history of the site, including final locations

for all of the existing memorials currently on the site; achieving city-wide sustainability goals; and mitigating storm water impacts.

Join the City for a community discussion about the plan. Pizza will be provided. More information is available at www.somervillema.gov/departments/central-hill-plan.

Where/when: Thursday, May 31, at 6 p.m. in the Somerville High School Cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.

Submit Comments on the Davis Square Neighborhood Plan by June 1

Over the past five years the Somerville community has worked to envision the future of Davis Sq. Now, there's another opportunity to weigh in, with the recent release of The Davis Square Neighborhood Plan. To submit comments, please email planning@somervillema.gov by Friday, June 1. To read the plan and learn more about the public process, visit www.somerville-bydesign.com.

Short-term Rentals Community Discussions, June 14 and 21

With the growing popularity of home-sharing and short-term rentals, the City is revisiting its policies and regulations. Join us for a community meeting where City staff will review current short-term rental regulation and lead a discussion about future regulation options.

When/where: Thursday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St. and Thursday, June 21, at 6 p.m. at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

Tufts Partnership Agreement Survey

The City of Somerville will soon be renegotiating a partnership agreement with Tufts University and held a community meeting earlier this week to discuss how we can best strengthen that partnership. If you were unable to make it to the meeting, there's still a way to share your thoughts by completing the Tufts Partnership Agreement Survey at www.somervillema. gov/tufts. All of the themes and key issues from this survey and the community meeting will be summarized (without attribution) for City staff in advance of the City's conversations with Tufts, and that summary will become publicly available.

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City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, new services and programs, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

City Calendar

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

In defense of the transfer fee



By Matthew McLaughlin Vice President and Ward 1 Alderman

The Board of Aldermen unanimously approved a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee tonight. I plan on canvassing the neighborhood to explain the final bill, but I want to dispel misinformation I routinely hear. This is a simplified version but I am happy to go into detail for anyone interested.

The proposed transfer fee is a one percent fee on real estate transactions in Somerville. The money will be used for affordable housing in Somerville. This fee will not apply to any owner occupied units. It will not apply to sellers or buyers who live in Somerville. Family transactions and inheritances will also be exempt.

So who will pay the fee?

The only people that will end up

paying this fee are developers, speculators, home flippers, multiple property owners and individuals who own properties that do not live in the city.

Can't the law be changed at any time?

The only aspects of the bill that can be changed is if the city decides to allow more exemptions, not less. I know this because I was the one that inserted the language. In order for any substantive changes to be made it would have to go through the same rigorous process this bill will, which requires approval from the state legislature and the governor. After spending more than a year and a half on this, I can state confidently that no one would want to go through this process again to make changes.

There was no public process

I have never taken part of a more rigorous process for anything in my time on the Board. Zoning, budgets, the High School, the Green Line, none of these processes were as through as this. We held two public hearings, published the hearings in all newspapers and televised them. We met in committee longer than I've ever spent on any city legislation. Some people said

they wanted a city wide mailer to all property owners, excluding renters. The Board requested the city use mail and reverse 311 to notify residents, which they declined. To be fair, they stated that they have not done that for any other public hearings, and the two hearings were so well attended the message clearly got out.

clearly got out.

Additionally, this is still just the beginning of the process. The Home Rule Petition still has to go to the state legislature for approval and then the governor. There will be yet another public hearing at the state level. If this petition somehow gets through that process, it will return to the Board where we will codify it into an ordinance. Only then do we even get to talk about implementing the fee

Why don't you make the developers pay?

At this point the developers are some of the few people who will pay. There is no exemption for them and when they do pay it will be substantively larger fee than an individual home purchaser.

I support affordable housing, but not like this. Do something

different

I have heard this mantra for the last decade of my life. There is someone at every attempt to address affordable housing who says to take another path. I will take any and all routes to preserve affordability in this city. Critics suggested that we regulate condo conversions and Air BNB's, pass a revised zoning code, make budget cuts and use the general fund for housing, hold developers like FRIT in Assembly accountable, that Tufts and Partners should pay more. Anyone paying attention knows that I have been at the very front of all of those fights. I will do all of the above, and expect the same resistance that we got from the transfer fee.

Who gets the affordable housing?

Somerville residents and people who work in Somerville get preference, so long as it abides by housing law. State and federal laws limit residential preference due to historic discrimination in affordable housing. This bill takes into consideration the needs of Somerville residents, but also respects the law

This is a regional problem that requires regional solutions.

Yes, this is indeed a regional, and even a national and international problem. Unfortunately, we are essentially on our own to solve this problem. The state government refuses to take substantive action on affordable housing, and may likely kill this bill as well. The federal housing department does not believe in money for affordable housing. This Board and I were elected to address affordable housing, not make up excuses. We will lead the way as a national model rather than wait for others to act.

This is just one of many ways to address affordable housing. In my mind a one percent fee on interests that don't live in the city and have reaped massive benefits from an out of control market is more than reasonable. Unfortunately, every attempt at affordable housing is met with massive resistance from special interests who manipulate people understandably mistrustful of government. There is a reason nothing has been done about the affordability crisis. I voted in favor of this effort and will support any and all efforts to preserve the city that I love.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Congratulations to our graduates of 2018!



Another year passes and we pause at this time to congratulate and honor the hard-working students who achieved their goal of successfully completing their courses of studies at their respective high schools and colleges.

It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to follow through to completion in this world, which is filled with so many challenges and distractions. It is no small feat to take one's education to the limit, and these moments represent important milestones along the path to success in life.

We should lavish these kids with praise for their accomplishments and encourage them to take it to the next level. To constantly strive to better themselves, be it moving on to college or grad school, professional or vocational schooling. Going yet another step further shows ambition and a sense of belief in oneself that can propel one to success unimagined by those who fall short of the mark.

It can be said that one's life is a never-ending process of discovery and learning. That we are always in school, in fact. Still, achieving the goal of completing a set course of study is especially satisfying and sets the stage for even bigger accomplishments.

And so we applaud the achievements of the class of 2018. May they go on to know great success in their professional and personal lives. They so clearly deserve it.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

across the city. All donations are tax exempt charitable contributions and should be sent to: Somerville Ed Foundation17 Kidder Avenue, Somerville MA 02144.

We do not usually mention the local Boston sports teams, but we have to congratulate the **Boston Celtics** for bringing a great season with all the difficulties' and injuries they suffered while still getting the team to this point in the finals. We think that these young players are going to be stars bigger stars then they are now. They were entertaining and lots of fun to watch. Next year, with some of the injuries healed, they will go even further.

Can you believe it? **June** starts this week. How many think the time has flown by? Six months into 2018 and six months to

go to 2019. Time flies, enjoy it.

We are wondering how many people here like **Comcast** and their constant rising prices? We watched the bill go from S199 to \$244. Anyone notice that on their bills? Go online to our website and let us know: www.thesomervilletimes.com.

Our lady Patti Norton was rushed again to MGH last week and is home now, on the mend and hopefully she will not be needing the great services of all those that are at MGH anytime soon again. She thanks them for all the care and comfort. Also in the hospital was our publisher and great friend Ross Blouin. He is also home recovering, after spending some time over at Mt. Auburn. We wish him a speedy recovery as well.

So far, the fireworks haven't been cancelled. Let's hope whoever is in charge of the event here in the city that it takes place this year, and on time. But how many want to bet that the July 4 city fireworks — which are not even done on July 4 — will be canceled? What will be the excuse? Maybe it's too hot? You fill in the blanks! What is going on? Has it really become a "cupcake administration"?

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Mary Hart, the matriarch of the Hart family. Even today while she could be enjoying retirement she works full time over at Malden Clinic as a nurse. A great lady and we wish her the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to a great guy we

grew up with down in East Somerville, Russell (Rusty) Smithe Jr. He's well known in the entire area, a nice guy and a great musician. We hope he has a great time this week with his many friends and family members. Happy birthday to another local guy, Dan Rogovich, who is celebrating this week. Dan has asked his many friends to remember the Wounded Warrior Project, which is his favorite nonprofit and does so much for our veterans who served our nation. Happy birthday to good friend who grew up here in the city, who still has ties here and plans on moving back, David Byron. He owns his own masonry company in Harwich right now. We wish him the very best of birthdays. Another good friend and a great realtor, Nelson Zide, is celebrating this week as well. He works out of ERA Key Realty Services in Framingham. A great guy with a great reputation. Happy birthday to Kaitlin Coutomas, who is celebrating this week. We hear she's the Mayor of Lexington Avenue Park. Also, happy birthday to Mary Coutoumas of Connolly Insurance, a life long resident. We wish both Coutoumas's a great day. 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.

David Epstein, a horticulturalist and meteorologist for over 25 years, will talk about how to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden, vegetable gardening in small spaces, and dealing with the effects of climate change in our gardens in his presentation to the Somerville Garden Club, In your Garden: Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds, Planting Vegetables in Small Spaces. and Dealing with Climate Change on June 13. Epstein writes for The Boston Globe, The Press Herald in Portland, Maine, and is the meteorologist for many news outlets including WBUR. He is the founder of **Growing** Wisdom, a business producing videos for the green industry. He also publishes a video blog of topics for home gardeners and plant lovers. He is an instructor at Colby College and Framingham State College, and the author of Gardens of New England. Somerville Garden Club meetings are held 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building, (TAB), 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available. For additional information please visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

SHS CTE Vocational Senior Awards Banquet

The 2018 Somerville High School CTE Vocational Senior Awards Banquet took place on Monday, May 14, at the Somerville High School Field House.

CTE Director Leo G. DeSimone was the Master of Ceremonies and Congressman Michael Capuano was the guest speaker.

Somerville Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper presented the Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year Award to Metal Fabrication and Welding student, Sophia West. Congressman Capuano also presented West with the Home First Charitable Corporation Award.

Other scholarships awarded included The Salvatore Casparriello Scholarship Fund, The Guy Corricelli Scholarship Fund and the John J. Maher Scholarship Fund.

Additionally, the various school departments gave out awards. Director's Awards were presented to Cody DiNatale (Automotive Technology); Emily Sabatino (Carpentry); Wendy Majano Guevara (Cosmetology); Carla DaSilva (Culinary Arts); Crisleydi Lebron (Dental Assisting); Qijin Chau (Drafting & Engineering); Alison Dolson (Early Education); Jose Alfaro Valdez (Electrical); Carlos DaSilva (Graphic Design & Visual Communications); Myana Civil (Health Careers); Christopher Fores Lopez (Information Support Services & Networking); Regina Maldonado (Marketing Education); and Ramon Fuentes (Metal Fabrication/Welding).

Achievement Awards were presented to Quincy Garcia (Advanced Manufacturing); Matthew Crowther (Automotive Technology); Steven Hawkins (Carpentry); Janelle Hamel (Cosmetology); Tyler Conley (Culinary Arts); Julie Grassi (Dental Assisting); Melina Pimentel (Drafting & Engineering); Cecilia Nunes (Early Education); Anibal Montoya Rodriguez (Electrical); Michael Downey (Graphic Design& Visual Communications); Lilly Kelley (Health Careers); Christian Salmeron (Information Support Services & Networking); Craig Resmini (Marketing Education); and Quency Bocage (Metal Fabrication/Welding).































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SPORTS

Promoting health and wellness at SHS





Students enjoyed an in-house Health and Wellness Fair at Somerville High School earlier this week. School staff offered yoga classes and salsa dancing, and a Somerville Police Officer provided a martial arts class. Representatives from local organizations were also on hand to provide information about resources that support healthy lifestyles. There was even a service dog in attendance, a reminder that mental, social, emotional, and physical health are all important components of wellness.

Ms. Cam's Dlio #630 Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is The Innocence Project?
- 2. What is the major artery located on the side of the neck called?
- 3. What chemical is used by forensic investigators to detect trace amounts of blood at crime scenes?
- 4. How many major roles did Peter Sellers play in the movie *Dr. Strangelove?*
- 5. How did the Tootsie Roll candy get its name?
- 6. Histology is the study of what?
- 7. What is the capital of

Canada?

- 8. The milk of what animal is used to make Roquefort cheese?
- 9. What movie was written about Mozart's life and death?
- 10. What is the capital of Nova Scotia?
- 11. What president was the son of the second U.S. President?
- 12. What American restaurant chain is named after a Rolling Stones song?

Answers on page 17

Somerville Pop Warner Football and Cheer Registration

There will be a registration taking place on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Modell's, Fellsway Plaza, 640 Fellsway, Medford, MA. Season starts August 1, 2018 for children ages 5 - 15. Cost is \$50, which includes all equipment except cleats. Scholarships are available for eligible participants. If you have any questions, please reach out to Roger Desrochers at 617-838-2145.

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Inaugural Staff Kickball Tournament

Staff members from around the Somerville school district recently participated in a friendly competition of Kickball, with school-based teams vying for bragging rights in this inaugural Kickball Tournament event. The games took place at Dilboy Field with 8 teams participating. Each team played a first round game and advanced if they won.

The final game came down to the Healey and a Kennedy/East team.



While the Healey School had the best showing in the tournament with 15 participants, the Kennedy/East team pulled together and won the championship game in the 4th inning! A special thanks to everyone who came out to play and set the tone for what will hopefully become a much-anticipated annual tradition.

Treasure Hunting with Bob BY BOB ADAMS



All is fair

So, I'm driving to my next second-hand store to see what they have and I see one of my competitor's bike parked outside and I think, 'Darn, he beat me here'.

Now, this guy has been a jerk to me a few times. Instead of driving off, I park and go inside to see if he missed anything. I do like to mess with this guy and all is fair in a junk store. For instance, if I see Bike Guy in a shop, I'll pick up a big silver-plated tray knowing he'll think because I'm holding it, it's solid sterling, and he missed it, just to screw with him.

Anyway, one of the putter-outers had a bag of priced jewelry and was putting it out. So, I placed myself in front of the glass case.

Bike Guy was off looking at some worthless junk. I don't know why he wasn't right beside me at the case, the jewelry is where the money mistakes are made. Sure enough, there's a big gold-tone necklace (for \$3) already in the case.

"Please start a pile' I ask the putter-out-

er. Then, out of the bag comes a gold-tone bracelet (\$2). Onto the pile it goes. And to finish, a sterling-handled butter knife for a quarter. The hand-made bracelet tests at 14K gold although there isn't a mark. The other piece is an antique gold ball necklace. Again, no mark but that isn't uncommon on antique items and that tests at 14K gold too.

I get \$23 per gram from the refiner for 14K. The bracelet weighed 8 grams and the necklace 17 grams. So, Bob \$525 (less my \$5) and Bike Guy \$0. Sweet. I think I'll call it a day. It's almost 2:00 p.m.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com. Visit his website at www.Somerville.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

56 Bonair Street (ZBA 2018-41): Applicant/Owner, LaCourt Holdings, LLC c/o Mouhab Rizkallah, seeks a special permit under §4.4.1, §4.5.1, and §7.11 to alter a nonconforming structure by converting space used as a former auto body shop into an office space and two residential units. The proposal also includes adding roof decks to the top of the single-story building. A special permit for parking relief is also requested under §9.13. RB Zone. Ward 1.

37-39 Harrison Street (ZBA 2018-55): Applicants / Owners, Fan Wang and Marc Wagner, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a deck off of the second floor above the front porch. RB Zone. Ward 2.

132-134 Heath Street (ZBA 2018-60): Applicant / Owner, 132-134 Heath St LLC c/o Cyril Hughes, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing rear decks off of the second and third floors and a roof deck. RB Zone. Ward 4.

7 Russell Road (ZBA 2018-59): Applicant / Owner, KTA Construction LLC c/o Frank Amato, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to finish a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 7.

19 Wesley Park (ZBA 2018-58): Applicants / Owners, Francisco and Vivaldo Meneses, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a roof deck and a second story deck atop an existing front porch. RB Zone. Ward 3.

74 Mount Vernon Street (ZBA 2017-89): Applicants and Owners, Paul Turcotte and Bonnie Brown, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure; §7.3 of the SZO to increase the number of dwelling units on the site from 3 to 5; §7.2 of the SZO to have more than one principal structure on the same lot. Variance /Special Permit for parking under §5.5 and Article 9 of the SZO BR zone, Ward 1

40 College Avenue (ZBA 2018-69): Applicant and Owner, City of Somerville, seeks Special Permits and Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct an addition to the Somerville West Branch Library under §4.4.1 of the SZO and Variance/Special Permit for parking under §5.5 and Article 9 of the SZO. CBD zone. Ward 6.

56 Franklin Street (ZBA 2018-46): Applicant and Owner, Victor Moreira, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure and under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. The Applicant proposes increasing the number of units on the site from one to three. BR zone Ward 1

26-28 Upland Road (ZBA 2018-43): Applicant and Owner, Upland Road, LLC, seeks Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure which is to include finishing the basement. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO, RA zone. Ward 7.

60-62 Hall Avenue (ZBA 2018-52): Applicant and Owner, Lois C. Russell, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by modifying the front and rear porches and adding a small side porch. RA zone. Ward 6.

33 Hancock Street (ZBA 2018-57): Applicant and Owner, Silva Realty 2, LLC, seeks a Variance to increase the FAR such that the FAR moves from conforming to non-conforming. § 5.5 and § 4.4.1 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 6.

20 Adrian Street (ZBA 2018-53): Applicants and Owners, Elliot M. Cohen and Marjory A. Bravard, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property, §7.2 of the SZO to have more than one principal structure on the property, and parking relief under Article 9. RB zone. Ward 2.

40 Harvard Street (ZBA 2018-36): Applicant and Owner, 40 Harvard Street, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure including by finishing the basement. Special Permit for parking under Article 9 of the SZO. RZ zone. Ward 3.

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 5/23/18 & 5/30/18

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A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the <u>Planning</u>
<u>Board</u> on <u>Thursday, June 7, 2018</u> at <u>6:00 p.m.</u> at the <u>Visiting Nurse</u>
<u>Association (VNA), 3rd floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street,</u>
<u>Somerville, MA</u>

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

323 Broadway (a/k/a 315 Broadway/8 Temple St) (PB2018-10): Applicant, Somerville Retirement Board c/o Michael Pasquariello, Executive Director, and Owner, 315 Broadway, LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §6.1.22, §7.13, and §9.13 for the establishment of an office use, signage, and parking relief for the Somerville Retirement Board to locate their offices. CCD-55 Zone. Ward 4.

323 Broadway (a/k/a 315 Broadway/8 Temple St): http://eepurl.com/dvFlqL

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 5/23/18 and 5/30/18

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Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang at tchukhatsang@somerville-ma.gov for more information.

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

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City awards \$8.2M in CPA funds CONT. FROM PG 9

23% has gone to historic resources. As a result of these projects, 78 new units of affordable housing are being created, 0.04 new acres of open space are being created, nine historic buildings and three historic collections are being preserved, five historic buildings are being made more accessible, and seven open spaces are being improved.

These projects range from stabilizing the Prospect Hill Tower to repaying the Community Path to improving schoolyard garden classrooms in each of Somerville's community schools to converting the historic Mystic Water Works building to affordable housing.

"In the five years since Somerville's adoption of the CPA, our program has become a leader in the state and we have seen a real difference in our community," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We have expanded access to and the availability of affordable housing. We can now take in the sunset from the top of Prospect Hill Tower and explore a restored Milk Row Cemetery. We are enjoying the

repaved Community Path from Grove St. to Cedar St. and are looking forward to seeing the Path west of Davis Square paved later this year. Historic buildings that are home to organizations that provide important social services are receiving much needed improvements. I want to thank the CPC and the community for their input

and recommendations on how to prudently and wisely spend this funding and to the Board of Aldermen for their support of CPA."

For more information on the CPA, sign up for the CPA Email Newsletter by visiting the City's website at www.somervillema. gov/cpa and clicking "Sign Up Now for CPA News."

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LEGAL NOTICES



The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the 200-2 Surveillance System Installation Phase 1, #274117 in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by John Murphy, Jr.

The Project consists of: Installation of new wired.wireless Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV). Work to include trenching, site poles, CCTV wiring, programming and training.

The work is estimated to cost \$70,000.

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

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

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, 13 June 2018 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

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

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), non- refundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Wednesday, 6 June 2018 at 10:00 AM

Address: Meet at the community building parking lot., Somerville In-

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by 1) 109-111 Prospect Street, LLC to demolish the 1916 storage garage at 109-111 Prospect Street and 2) Umberto A. & Charity Rossetti to demolish a c. 1860 wood-frame at 15 Mossland 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 historic@somer-

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Recognizing the many social impacts of elder abuse

By Susan Pacheco and Norah Al-Wetaid

Many in the elder services field have long known that elder abuse is a common issue that often goes unreported. However, some new data is helping illustrate how widespread this problem is in the Bay State.

In a recent WBGH story, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs reported 9,800 confirmed cases of elder abuse in 2017 - an increase of nearly 40 percent since 2015.

A couple of key factors were cited to explain that growth. First, there was some optimism that efforts to raise awareness about the many forms of elder abuse are leading to more incidents being reported. But Massachusetts Secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs Alice Bonner cited the rapidly growing population of older adults as a factor, adding that financial exploitation – often by family members – is a growing problem.

Roughly 10 percent of older adults experience some form of elder abuse, which can be physical, emotional, sexual, or financial. Self-neglect is another, often overlooked, form of elder abuse. It's an issue that affects individuals regardless of income level, culture, gender, race or sexual orientation.

Despite progress being made with raising awareness and increasing reports, most elder abuse goes unreported-we've heard everything from one in 14 incidents being reported to one in 24.

Given the prevalence of elder abuse, it is critically important to recognize common warning signs:

- · Unexplained injuries or financial loss
- Isolation

- Verbal abuse or threats
- Changes in mood or behavior
- · Rapid decline in health of unexplained weight loss
- Neglected care needs
- · Hesitation to speak openly

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and for the third straight year Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) and the Cambridge Council on Aging are partnering to distribute information on recognizing elder abuse and purple ribbons, which are a symbol of this cause.

" It's an issue that affects individuals regardless of income level, culture, gender, race or sexual orientation"

As part of Elder Abuse Awareness Month, the Cambridge Council on Aging, SCES, and Cambridge Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition are exploring how opioid misuse increasingly plays into elder abuse, with a free event at the Cambridge Senior Center, 806 Mass Ave., on Thursday, June 14 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Titled "Promoting Elder Wellness in Your Community", the event will feature a mini-resource fair and light refreshments at 12:30, followed by performances of common scenarios by True Story Theatre. Attendees are also invited to bring any expired or unused medications as part of a drug takeback facilitated by the Cambridge Police and Public



The Cambridge Council on Aging and Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services will distribute purple ribbons this June to raise awareness about elder abuse. June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

Health Departments.

Finally, if you are concerned about an older adult and have reason to believe they are being abused, call the Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-2275. All calls are confidential, and are referred to local Adult Protective Services, which can investigate and determine the best course of action to alleviate risk.

Awareness and knowing how to counter elder abuse are the key first steps to mitigating this silent epidemic. Please join us in that goal for Elder Abuse Awareness Month and beyond.

Susan Pacheco is the Executive Director of the Cambridge Council on Aging. Norah Al-Wetaid is a Senior Protective Services Caseworker at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services. For more information about the Promoting Elder Wellness in Your Community event, contact Pacheco at 617-349-6220 or spacheco@cambridgema.gov. The event is free, but preregistration is requested.

Members appointed to the Mayor's **Appointments Advisory Committee**

Mayor Curtatone and President of the Board of Aldermen Katjana Ballantyne have announced their appointments to the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC): Jennifer Blundell, Victor DoCouto, and William Durkin. The AAC will be tasked with making nonpartisan and informed recommendations for appointments to critical City boards and commissions. Members will review and select applicants based on relevant qualifications and skills and their ability and commitment to represent and serve the interests of the entire community. Members will also be required to uphold all equal opportunity standards. Continued on page 23



1. Exonerates the wrongly convicted through DNA testing

6. The anatomy of cells and tissues of plants and animals using microscopy

2. Carotid

7. Ottawa

3. Luminol

8. Sheep

9. Amadeus

5. The founder named it 10. Halifax after his daughter Clara, whose nickname was "Tootsie"

11. John Quincy Adams

12. Ruby Tuesday

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday May 30

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

Thursday|May 31

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 2:45 p.m.-5:45 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 June 1

Central Library

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

Sunday June 3

SomerStreets: Carnaval

2 p.m.|East Somerville(Lower Broadway)

Monday June 4

Central Library

Sing Along w/ Jeremy 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday June 5

West Branch Library

Preschool Storvtime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

SomerVillian Opening Reception 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday June 6

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday | May 30

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.

Back West 7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

The 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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Ghost Grl

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Thursday | May 31

Sally O'Brien's

The Canvas Collective, Vera Kav 9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Nate Taylor, Izzy Heltai, Gillian Grogan|7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

Olmec's Rejects - A Jammed-Out Tribute to the 90's! (Mems. of Dopapod, Pink Talking Fish, Wobblesauce, Dub Apocolypse, Haewa), Ali McGuirk 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Take It Personal Hip Hop Improv

DJ Cipha Sounds, Nitty Scott MC, A Tribe Called Yes, DJ Chubby Chub,

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

TJ and the Revenge 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Friday|June 1

Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug | 6 p.m. 2nd Annual Alternatives to Violence Project Fundraiser with Devotion, Glory Junkies, Cruel Miracle, Christina Alexander, Bigfoot & guests \$10

cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Arlen Roth w/ Jed Parish and Jimmy Ward|7 p.m.

Spike the Punch |10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

Troll 2 | Muddy Ruckus - Double CD Release Party 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Michael Rault|7 p.m. Corin Ashley Trashcan Sinatras|9 p.m.

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

156 Highland Ave

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 Journeys in Sound presents C Joynes & Lloyd Thayer In the Spirit of Davey

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday June 2

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band |6 p.m. Sun Jones |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

The Burren

Helen Record Release Show |7 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Unstraight and Mad Femme Pride Present: Big Queer Show Pride Kickoff!

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Strangers by Accident

9 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7p.m. Lee Camp|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Herbstalk

8 p.m.|Performance Hall Somerville Songwriter Sessions 7:30 p.m.|Café||191 Highland Ave

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m.

The Burren

Sunday June 3

Lee Neckritz Sunday FunDay|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Brian Conway & Keith Murphy|4 p.m. An evening with Dr. Sick Sex-

tette|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub **Dub Apocalypse**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Thunder Road

Sunday Brunch|10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Buffy the Vampire Slayer: "Once More with Feeling" 6:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Late Risers 2 p.m. Jeff Rapsis|9 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Brew Haha 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday June 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae | 10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Back Room:

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Savtones

The Melted Chapstix 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Queers with Beers 6 p.m. Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Queer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque and Variety Show 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday June 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar

SYM Tuesdays \$5 cover 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10

Silver Arrow Band | 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 PJ Ryan's

Bee Night

8200 **Thunder Road**

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

Ocean Boy

7 p.m|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m. Metal Yoga with Black Widow

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co

Yoga|7:30 p.m.

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Smut Slam

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes!

Wednesday June 6

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.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 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 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Melissa Mills

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Mystery Book Club

7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Zentangle with Lori

Lunar Love Flow: Practicing Yoga with the Moon

Drop In Knitting 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Central Library

Central Library

The Venus Project Documentary Screening

Social Anxiety Meet Up group

Union Square Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza **Bagel Bards**

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

weekly to discuss their work

SomerStreets: Carnaval 2 p.m.|East Somerville(Lower Broadway)

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

4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop

Learn English at the Library!

Central Library SomerVillian Opening Reception 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Mental Health working group meeting 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Somerville Republicans 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday June 6

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

Wednesday | May 30

Central Library

Thursday | May 31 West Branch Library

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library**

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library**

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

Saturday June 2

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

Sunday June 3

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups**

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday June 4

Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Affordable Housing Working Group 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday June 5

Lead Paint Safe Somerville 9 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: CENTE NIO

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

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

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

TTY: 866-808-4851

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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.

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.

Belmont Stakes – Friday, June 8 to Sunday, June 10 – 3 days and 2 nights - \$552 per person double or \$772 per person single includes transportation, lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, reserved seating for the Belmont Stakes, and guided tour of the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

A Chorus Line – Thursday, June 14 - \$32 per person – First come first serve – Space is limited. Check-in at Holland Street 1:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional info please contact Debby 617-625-6600, ext. 2321. by calling

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, June 19 – 12:00 p.m. Somerville Theatre Davis Square. This month's movie is Wonder. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - \$1 per

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

Castle Island – Friday, June 22 check-in time at Ralph & Jenny at 8:30 a.m. \$5 for transportation – lunch is on your own. Approximate return time of 1:00 p.m. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Fire Cracker Super Bingo – Monday, July 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. \$12 fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lowell Spinners – Wednesday, July 25 - \$31 includes transportation, seating and all you can eat BBQ. Game is at 7:05 p.m. Check-in at Holland at 3:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 10:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

The Music Man – Thursday, August 9 - \$30 per person - First come first serve - Space is limited. Check-In Holland Street at 12:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. For additional info please contact Debby by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Mohegan by Day Foxwoods Overnight – Wednesday & Thursday, September 5 & 6 - \$139 per person double or \$199 per person single - Includes motorcoach transportation, Mohegan Sun Bonus (Food Voucher & Free Bet), Foxwood Bonus (Dinner & Breakfast Coupons and Slot Play) Casino bonuses are subject to change. Check-in Wednesday the 5th at 7:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, the 6th. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Washington, DC - Monday, October 1 to Friday, October 5 - 5 days and 4 nights - \$619 per person double or \$869 single includes transportation, lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, visit Arlington National Cemetery, National Air & Space Museum, Illumination tour of monuments and so much more. For additional information, 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 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. t o 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 info, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Adventure Group - Please call for details

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

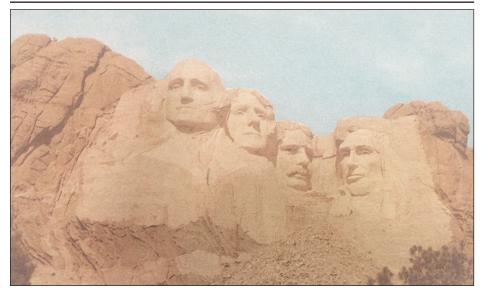
** Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

DID YOU KNOW?

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

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



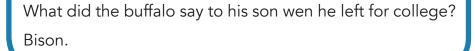
America as who we are. Its inside cover honors the American flag that was flown in 1814. It was the battle-torn Star Spangled Banner that Francis Scott Key wrote about in his poem. The poem was written 38 years after America's first flag was flown at Prospect Hill and became the words of our National Anthem.

America's attractive passport briefly shows our history. It exhibits familiar images from the Liberty Bell and Old Ironsides to Mount Rushmore and the Statue of Liberty. It contains quotes from Presidents George Washington, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Theodore Roosevelt, Lyndon B. Johnson, and author Anna Julia Cooper. Throughout its pages, it depicts landscapes across America from sea to sea. At the passport's center is a two-page vista of an American Bald Eagle, the Rocky Mountains, and an American Bison. At the topmost of this scene is the quote, "We have a great dream. It started way back in 1776, and God grant that America will be true to her dream." — Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Speak Up! Somerville Telethon

Somerville Media Center is excited to invite you to the First Annual Speak Up! Somerville Telethon on Sunday June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. SMC celebrates local talent, diversity and community as part of our Speak Up! Somerville Telethon to



raise funds for preserving community media!

This one-day event will feature community performers and leaders, our dedicated producers and volunteers as well as SMC members, staff and other supporters who will be on the air asking for donations to support the station. The 12-hour Telethon will be filled with a variety of activity and entertainment (more details to come). The Telethon also kicks-off SMC's yearlong fundraising initiative "The Speak Up Somerville! SMC Fund".

Our fundraiser will help support the following main areas:

- + Youth Media Scholarships
- + Increase the accessibility of our programming to people of all backgrounds
- Community Journalism Efforts

With a commitment to creativity, technology and social change, Somerville Media Center makes media production possible for everyone. We provide skills, equipment, inspiration and we amplify local voices on our various community media channels.

Viewers can watch the Speak Up! Somerville Telethon Live on Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) Cable Channel 3 (RCN and Comcast), VilleTV Channel 613 (RCN), livestream on our website somervillemedia.org and listen at bostonfreeradio.com. Community members are also invited to come to our studio at 90 Union Square to watch events live and participate in the fun. We hope the telethon will reach a large audience of viewers who may not yet be aware of all that Somerville Media Center and community media has to offer. For more information, please contact Erica Jones, Membership & Outreach Director at 617-628-8826 or ejones@somervillemedia.org.

LIVE WATCH PARTY Aeronaut Brewing Company

There will also be neighborhood Telethon Viewing party at Aeronaut Brewery between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DONATION INFORMATION & WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT US

Donations received through The Speak Up! Somerville Fund will be used to support our year-round free and low-cost vital media education activities. For over 30 years, one of SMC's core missions is to teach Somerville residents and groups how to use media and production equipment to make their own radio and TV programs. Want to donate now? Please visit our website: https://www.somervillemedia.org/give/

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12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	DIWHY Arbor Day Mini-Marathon	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
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Wednesd	ay, May 30	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	10:00pm	Housing & Community Development	6:30pm	PorchFest 2018
9:00am	Middlesex County Update	9:00am	Council on Aging Multicultural Day	Sunday, J	une 3	7:02pm	The Week of the Young Child Celebration
9:30am	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	9:30am	Aldermen at Work - Will Mbah	12:00am	PorchFest 2018	7:32pm	Council on Aging Multicultural Day
12:00pm	SomerViva en Español	11:30am	SomerViva em Português	12:32am	Talking Business	8:00pm	Gilman Square Walking Tour - 5.13.18
12:30pm	Legislative Matters Committee	12:01pm	Legislative Matters & Finance Committee	1:00am	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	9:06pm	Gilman Square Walking Tour - 5.13.18
6:30pm	Finance Committee	6:30pm	SomerViva en Español	2:30am	SomerViva en Español	10:30pm	SomerViva em Português
9:00pm	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	7:00pm	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2018	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017	11:01pm	SomerViva en Español
10:30pm	SomerViva em Português	8:30pm	Haitian Flag Celebration	9:00am	Family Engagement for Equity Seminar	Tuesday,	June 5
Thursday	, May 31	9:30pm	PorchFest 2018	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00am	Legislative Matters & Finance Committee
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2:00am	Haitian Flag Celebration	Saturday		2:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 5.21.18	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
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Educational TV 15 Schedule

SHS Chamber Concert [5.14.18]

Winter Hill CS Spring Concert

SHS Class Day 2018

3:00am

12:00pm SHS CTE Vocational Senior Awards Banquet

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ı	9:00am	SHS An Evening of Song	10:00pm	All City Middle School Spring Concert	7:00pm	Brown School Spring Concert	1:30pm	SHS Class of '18 Scholarship Awards Night
ı	10:30am	Student of the Qtr WSNS	Friday, J	une 1	9:00pm	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden	4:00pm	Brown School Spring Concert
ı	11:00am	Winter Hill CS Spring Concert	12:00am	SHS An Evening of Song	11:00pm	SHS Class of '18 Scholarship Awards Night	6:00pm	SHS Class Day 2018
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ı	2:30pm	Student of the Qtr WSNS	3:05am	SHS Boys Lacrosse vs Lynn C.	1:13am	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden	10:30pm	SHS Class of '18 Scholarship Awards Night
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See Something, Say Something

I was writing poetry at 4:00 AM On the floor in the center of the magazine At the SeaTac international airport. There was no one there but the occasional stray passenger, Late night employee. I was harming no one.

I was writing poetry. I knew it was odd to be in the center Of the floor, but space takes a different shape at night— Hallways widen, corridors gain a new intensity, like rifles' barrels, Open areas feel like dance halls. Closets get their ghosts. Night, yes, night. Night and day are each their own forms of Intoxication. This was the night-time.

I was on the floor in the center of the dance hall, the closed food court Where, as anyone who has been to SeaTac remembers, The giant window towers over all; I was there finding my voice through the Poetry that came to me in that position In time and space. But position in time and space can be a crime, Surely as it should be. So there I was, writing poetry.

A police officer approached me. What was the something that was said to him? What was the something that was seen? I would have liked to see The transitory corridor between what was Seen and said,

To write a poem about what someone saw

In the center of the magazine.

— Ari Alkalay Appel

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by Doug Holder

Zach Baum and others bring a vibrant public market to Union Square



Nestled behind P.A.'s Lounge off of Somerville Ave. - 1 Bow Market Way, to be exact - is a new public market, Bow Market, brought to you by Zach Baum and his other co-conspirators.

Baum, a graduate of Tufts University, who has a background in high tech and real estate development, told me he was influenced by the Agora-style markets in ancient Greece, public open spaces used for assemblies and markets.

Baum, a man with curly mop of red-brownish hair and an affable manner, said, "We really wanted to create a vibrant place, with affordable spaces for artists, food markets, and a host of small vendors who might have been forced out of the market because of high rents. Here, they will all share the same facilities, like the courtyard, bathrooms, etc. And many of the places are a 1,000 month to rent or less."

I sat outside with Baum in the courtyard in front of the Remnant Brewery, an inviting space with a gleaming metal brewery-and undoubtedly producing tasty craft beer. I saw a space for a macaroon shop, and Baum told me there is going to be (or currently is) a fishmonger, spaces for immigrant food shops, caterers, art galleries, a chocolatier and, yes, The Comedy Studio. This was the very venue for upcoming comedians and their loyal audiences that was priced out of the Hong Kong Restaurant in Harvard Square. Baum also told me there will be spaces for vintage clothes, stationary shops, shoe retailers, and more.

Interestingly enough, according to Baum 60% of the vendors will be women and over 45% will be people of color. He feels the low rents will provide opportunities for this population.

Baum told me at the end of the summer there will be a grand opening. I plan to be there, hoisting a craft beer and basking under the late summer sun.

For more information go to: http://www.bowmarketsomerville.com.

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Following a thorough review of applicants, the AAC will present their recommendation to the Mayor, who will make the final selection and submit the final candidate to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation, as required by City Charter. The first board for which the AAC will make recommendations is the Somerville Redevelopment Authority which currently has one vacancy.

"The AAC will be a great resource to the Administration and the Board of Aldermen in ensuring that the best candidates serve on our boards and commissions while increasing the transparency in the nomination process," said Mayor Curtatone. "The members have already shown their enthusiasm for their roles and a great seriousness of purpose."

"Our boards and commissions play an indispensable role in making Somerville a great community," said Katjana Ballantyne, President of the Board of Aldermen. "Somerville is fortunate to have many dedicated residents who are willing to give their time for our greater good. The AAC will play an important role in helping these bodies function effectively by identifying high quality candidates to serve our city."

For more information, including a list of the boards and commissions for which the AAC will make recommendations, visit: https:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/appointments-advisory-committee.





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