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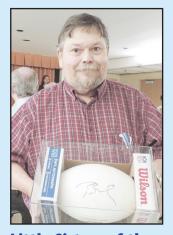
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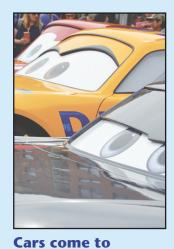
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City leaders get history lesson on Somerville infrastructure



Infrastructure improvement is an unavoidable priority for the city, according to Mayor Curtatone in his presentation to the Board of Aldermen last week.

By Jordan Deschenes

Somerville's Board of Aldermen held a meeting on Thursday to officially discuss a variety of items, most notably a communication from Mayor Joe Curtatone regarding infrastructure redevelopment.

Mayor Curtatone's communication pertained to the city's outdated sewage system, the redevelopment of which he considered a responsibility to both the state and the city's SomerVision Comprehensive Plan.

"Infrastructure ... is one priority that is not optional. We can't just kick this can down the road any longer," said Curtatone. "I'm not gonna sugar coat this. I never have, and I'm not gonna start tonight. It will take significant investment to undergo our most significant infrastructure projects."

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Art for everyone at Somerville Open Studios

By Hannes Remmert

This coming weekend, local artists will open their studios and workshops all over the city to the public during the 19th annual Somerville Open Studios (SOS).

SOS will take place this Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Organized by the non-profit organization of the same name, over 340 artists will be participating in the admission-free event. Additionally, on Friday, May 5, some artists will open their studios as a preview of the event from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

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

When asked what is special about SOS, she answered that "there are no two artists that are alike and there is so much to see during the whole weekend, that you never really get the chance to see it all."

In order to see as many



Many of Somerville's finest artist will be throwing open the doors to their studios for the 19th annual Somer-Continued on page 17 ville Open Studios.

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Attention members of Local 103 of the Electrical Union in Boston: voting is this coming Saturday May 6. We hope you elect a real good guy, Kevin Molineaux, for one of the six seats on the Executive Board. Over the past few years Kevin has worked hard for the union in many capacities, we hope that all those that vote this weekend mark your ballot for Kevin Molineaux.

Happy birthday wishes this week here in the Ville: To the best carpenter here in Somerville, we wish Sal Ferro III a very special happy birthday. A good guy, he can build a house from outside to inside! Happy birthday to Florence Pulsifer-Lewis, who is celebrating this week. We hope she has a great birthday. A nice lady who is well known, especially down in East Somerville. Happy birthday to Anthony Fraser, a good guy who grew up here in the city. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday to an old friend and local, Aida Sousa-Braga, who is celebrating this week as well. Happy birthday to Linda (Norton) Beebe who celebrates this week. We wish her a happy birthday. To all others that are celebrating this week, we wish you the very best of birthdays.

Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters will be having his campaign kickoff/fundraiser at Sally O'Brien's on May 16, where he packs them in all the time. He's not called the constituents alderman for nothing, constantly out walking the ward, talking to the residents. We hear that Bob might have an opponent who, despite their efforts from another alderman or two, will find they misjudged Bob's popularity and his genuine hard work efforts. We predict that those two Aldermen who have been working putting in candidates in the various wards will find Ward 3 a hard one to win. We predict that those two aldermen might themselves be kept busy this year. If he does have an opponent for sure, we hope that guy is ready to have a few fundraisers. So far, Bob has had fewer fundraisers since being elected and has the largest alderman funds raised in the city. FYI, Bob has never accepted any money from developers.

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The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Portion of Community Path in Somerville to close for repaying

LindaS says:

Let's hope the city will be as interested in repaving and fixing the roads and sidewalks on our streets as well, many of which have been in dire need of repair for years.

Community Preservation should include the rest of the "Community", not just the bicycle paths and parks.

Wayan Effington says:

Nice try, but your backhanded swipe at the Community Path is totally transparent. As the article states, these improvements are being funded by Community Preservation Act monies, which is partly what they are there for. General infrastructure maintenance funding comes from elsewhere. Please inform yourself better - or consider being honest about it - before spouting off.

Response to: Obituary: Walter Pero

Patrick Vaudo says:

So sorry to hear. He left his family too soon. As a teen in the late 70s I briefly worked under Walter and remember him as a nice man.

william murphy says:

so sorry to hear of walters death.i am a saint ann classmate somerville. quiet and great person. will be missed by many. may the holy spirit comfort his wife and family.

Response to: Somerville cop Alex Capobianco arraigned on multiple charges

George Landers says:

Lets not judge Alex just yet, let the system work. He has a right to a fair trial, if it comes to that.

Ann Lanzillo says:

Let's not judge Alex?? Are you kidding me?? This criminal has gotten away with murder for years just because his dirty cousin is mayor. Anyone else would have been in jail by now. Tell that to the the families whose kids from SHS became hooked oxycodone because of him and died and they will spit in your face. You should be ashamed of yourself for defending such a despicable person. His lawyer is delusional too.

Response to: Newstalk - April 26

Go Elio says:

I hope Elio runs. McLaughlin does more writing for newspapers than actual aldermanning.

A Terrier. says:

Matt has done a great job as Ward 1 Alderman. Those who don't see this haven't been paying attention. Ask the other aldermen if you doubt this.

Response to: Letter to the Editor – April 26

Dodd says:

If they are Chicago-based, why not have Karen Narefsky call them? She is from Chicago and her Father is a development attorney in Chicago

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Future of Union Square takes giant step forward

US2 agreement receives SRA approval after key 4-1 vote

By US2 - Union Square Station **Associates**

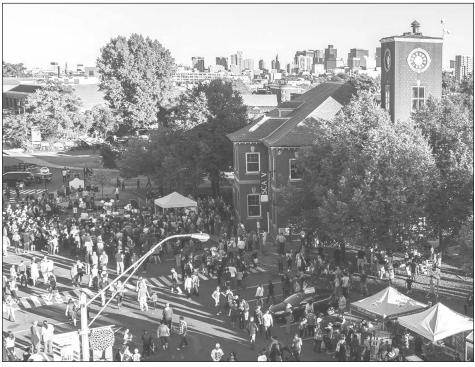
US2 is proud to announce that at last Thursday's Somerville Redevelopment Authority meeting, the Master Land Disposition Agreement (MLDA) between the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) and Union Square Master Developer Union Square Station received a 4-1 vote of approval. The Agreement sets the terms for the acquisition and redevelopment of 15.5 acres of designated development land in Union Square by US2. The properties are part of the state-approved Union Square Revitalization Plan that was adopted by the Somerville Board of Alderman in 2012.

"We want to thank the members of the Board of the SRA for their vote of approval on the MLDA," said Greg Karczewski, President of US2. "Together, we are going to make Union Square into a destination for employers, creating more green space, achieving housing goals with a range of affordability, and preserving the neighborhood character that everybody loves today."

At full build-out, the project will be

a 2.3 million-square-foot mixed-use employment center, with 1.38 million square feet of new workspaces - five percent of which will be dedicated to arts and creative enterprises. The project will also provide desperately needed housing for families, empty nesters, young workers and everything in between. Once approved, the project will create more than 5,000 new permanent jobs and more than 4,000 new construction jobs as well as generate millions in jobs linkage payments to support local workforce development initiatives. New development will also generate millions in new tax revenue every year and a near-term surge in permitting fees that will also total millions. A mix of commercial and residential uses will activate Union Square during work hours and in the evenings as well as bringing significant new spending to neighborhood businesses.

What will eventually be built in Union Square has yet to be completely determined as the Board of Aldermen is currently reviewing zoning for the designated parcels. That zoning has been guided by the principles set out in the City's comprehensive planning initiative that included Somer Vision and the City's



award winning Neighborhood Plan for Union Square.

Moving forward, the redevelopment process will remain open, inclusive and public. The Board of Aldermen will be addressing zoning over the next month in a series of hearings.

Once zoning is set, US2 will present its coordinated development plan for all of the designated development par-

cels to the community. We look forward to continuing to work with the City, the SRA and the Board of Aldermen to realize the goals the community has set. "We have been working with City and community stakeholders on this for over three years, and we want to get it right," stated Karczewski. "I think we are almost there and look forward to the next steps."

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Spring 2017 ResiStat Meeting schedule

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Board of Aldermen invite residents to the Spring 2017 ResiStat Community Meetings, a twice-yearly effort to share the latest City news, data, and neighborhood updates directly with residents and gather their feedback.

ResiStat isn't just a great way to get an overview of what's happening in your neighborhood and around the city. A social half hour before the meeting and time after the meeting provide an easy opportunity to talk one-on-one to the Mayor, your Aldermen, and city staff and police, and to connect with your neighbors. They serve pizza and kid-friendly, healthy snacks to make it more fun to

Six neighborhood meetings, one in each ward, will be held in the coming weeks. Mayor Curtatone, ward and at-large aldermen, members of the Somerville Police Department, and city staff will discuss issues important to residents and there's always a lively Q&A where residents can pose questions directly to the mayor and aldermen. Topics will range from proposed changes to the City's zoning ordinance, public safety data and tips, and updates and information about neighborhood issues and events.

Refreshments will be served at a meet-and-greet before each meeting. Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole will be provided at every meeting. For more information about ResiStat, or with any questions, contact ResiStat Coordinator, Meghann Ackerman, at MAckerman@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2120.

Spring 2017 ResiStat Meeting Schedule:

Meetings run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

- Ward 3 (N. Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill): Thurs., May 4, Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.
- Ward 5 (Magoun Sq., NE Ball Sq., Cedar & Lowell St. areas, NW Porter Sq.): Tues., May 16, Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St.
- Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq.): Mon., May 22, West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.
- Ward 1 (East Somerville, Assembly Sq.): Tues., May 23, East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.
- Ward 2 (S. Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area): Tues., May 30, Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.
- + Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills): Thurs., June 1, Healey School, 5 Meacham St.



By Jim Clark

School bus driver's short walk to jail

Somerville police conducted a selective enforcement operation last week aimed at spotting motor vehicle operators who were distracted while driving.

One officer was stationed at the upper parking lot of the Police Station, acting as a spotter. Another officer maintained a position at the corner of Merriam and Washington Street, where motorists in violation could be pulled over.

At one point, the spotting officer radioed that a school bus driver was seen using a cell phone while driving.

The driver, later identified as Marise Pierre, was signaled to pull over to the side of the road.

While doing this, the officer reportedly observed Pierre putting down what appeared to be a cell phone with her right hand, toward the center console area.

Jose Hernandez, of 51 Mor-

ris St., E. Boston, April 25,

12:58 p.m., arrested at Mc-

Arrests:

The officer approached the operator and requested her license and registration and the defendant reportedly asked, "Can I pull up way over there?" pointing to an area near the Jiffy Lube. The officer told her that she could not, as there was sufficient room for vehicles to get by despite the bus not being completely pulled into the parking area.

The officer returned to his cruiser and wrote a citation for the infraction. When the officer returned with the citation Pierre reportedly stated that she used to babysit his children. The officer continued issuing the citation and Pierre reportedly stated, "I don't have a phone".

After issuing the citation, Pierre put her head out the bus window and began shouting obscenities at the officer, according to reports.

The officer had stopped traffic and was standing in the roadway about 3/4 of the way to the rear of the bus and told Pierre "You need to pull out."

Pierre reportedly continued her verbal assault and the officer again told her to move her bus. Pierre reportedly continued her shouting until the officer stated, "Ma'am, if you do not stop shouting and move your vehicle I will arrest you".

Traffic was stopped at this point and people on the opposite side of the street began to look on. Pierre started to pull out, still shouting and never checked her other mirror and continued looking in the officer's direction. The bus scraped the left side of a vehicle, legally parked on Washington Street.

The officer shouted to Pierre

and she put the bus in reverse and within a few seconds had the bus pulled ahead and stopped.

The officer started writing up an accident data form to give out to both parties. The spotting officer arrived on the scene as Pierre exited the bus and came out into the street shouting obscenities, police said.

Pierre was asked to get on the sidewalk and she reportedly continued to hurl obscenities and once again said that she used to watch one of the officer's kids.

The spotting officer then told Pierre to step onto the sidewalk before a car struck her., but she reportedly continued to argue and needed to be told two more times before she finally went onto the sidewalk.

Pierre reportedly continued to point and shout at the officer as he continued filling out the accident data form.

According to reports, Pierre once more went back out onto the street towards the police cruiser's driver's side door and she was immediately told that she needed to get onto the sidewalk and that would not be told again.

Pierre reportedly repeated her claim that she did not have a phone and questioned whether or not she would be arrested as she walked toward the sidewalk.

As the officer began explaining the accident data form and instructing Pierre on what she was required to do, she reportedly continued hurling obscenities at the officers and that she knows one of the officer's children.

According to reports, Pierre would walk a few steps, stop and turn, then

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Grath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Marise Pierre, of 227 Malden St., Revere, April 27, 8:57 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Elkin Posada, April 27, 5:01

p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Rasius Pierre, of 15 Alfred

Terrace, Medford, April 30, 10:01 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of open and gross lewdness.

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required to meet such needs, Curtatone invited Richard E. Raiche, Director of the Somerville's Engineering Department, to give a presentation.

Raiche revealed that the city's outdated drainage pipe system is "taxed beyond capacity" during heavy rainfall, resulting in substantial flooding in downtown business districts like Union Square. Historically, most of Somerville's drainage infrastructure was built as a one-pipe system, an antiquated practice that does not separate sewage and rainwater.

"Almost half of our system was built before 1900 and by 1940, the entire city system had been built out," revealed Raiche. "So not surprisingly, most of our system is of the combined variety."

Currently, around sixty percent of Somerville's drainage flows downhill and runs eastward into a century-old line that has been regulated by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) since the 1980s. This system is shared with multiple communities, including Charlestown and Cambridge.

Flooding has been exacerbated

by both a lack of strategic overflow locations and a high percentage of runoff on hillsides. Recent data shows that 77 percent of Somerville's land is impermeable to rainwater.

The city's past efforts at addressing the flooding problem have been complicated by issues such as cost-efficiency and a lack of progressive solutions. Throughout the 20th century, nationwide floodwater management planning for cities was still based upon 19th century solutions that have now been proven to be ineffective.

By using a process known as Targeted Sewer Separation, Raiche recommended that the city build a system that would separate sewage and usable rainwater.

Raiche attributed the Engineering Department's ability to identify specific problem areas to the rapid technological advancements in the hydraulic modeling process, many of which were not available less than ten years ago.

In identifying twelve high-risk areas around the city, Raiche and his colleagues estimated that potential damages over the next century could cost between \$38.5 and \$192.5 million if renovations are not made.

Somerville city officials are currently been pursuing plans to reopen the city's pipeline capacity by redirecting rainwater into localized storm water pipes alongside existing pipes. Raiche explained that the city is hoping to link part of its waterworks with the new Green Line Extension (GLX) system in an effort to reduce reliance on that of the MWRA.

"Our biggest limitation is simply a physical one with regards to our connection to both our 100 year-old sewers, and the 150 year-old MWRA sewers," said Raiche.

"So, when you put these things together, it's very clear that our greatest engineering challenge lies in Union Square, which is the nexus of flows."

For the second portion of the presentation, Robert T. King, Director of Capital Projects proposed three major infrastructure projects related to targeted sewer separation: a stormwater storage

facility under Nunziato Field, a pump station at Redbridge, and sewer separation and streetscape development on Somerville Ave at Union Square.

At Nunziato Field, stored stormwater would be used for "green infrastructure" purposes, particularly for added greenery on redeveloped streetscapes in Union Square. Sewage separation at Union Square would help divert some of the volume away from the MWRA drain and into the new GLX system, with assistance from the proposed Redbridge pump station.

With the help of multiple-scenario hydraulic modeling tests, projects were ranked according to three parameters: flood reduction, cost effectiveness, and conclusions based upon consideration of all proposed projects.

Although the numbers have not officially been finalized, King estimated that costs would be around \$14.6, \$19.6, and \$50.35 million respectively. MassWorks has agreed to cover \$13 million of the \$50.35 million cost as a partner for the Union Square redevelopment if

a proposal is submitted before their funding deadline.

Both the Nunizato and Union Square projects are predicted to have construction timeframes of about three years.

BOA President William White Jr. reminded the board that the presentation was not an official proposal and was simply for general information purposes. He requested that the idea be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration.

With regards to the time sensitivity of the issue, Alderman Mary Jo Rossetti questioned Director King about the transparency of the process and how to employ a more formal means of keeping residents informed about proposed developments.

Rossetti suggested that official notices for upcoming projects be sent in the mail rather than be posted as fliers, referring specifically to complaints she received from residents who did not receive information in time to submit input for past projects.

"We want to start this conversation earlier than later," Director King replied.

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Giggles Comedy Night for the Masons

By Donald Norton

Last Wednesday night, April 26, the local Masonic Lodge (King Solomon's Lodge) held its 5th annual Giggles Comedy night at the Tower of Pizza Rte. 1 in Saugus.

About 100 locals from Somerville attended what was judged to be the best event of the five years, with lots of laughs and

plenty of delicious pizza (Jeff was in the kitchen).

The club is a great place, and the Masons raised a lot of money to help pay the insurance for their building on Highland Avenue. Everyone is already looking forward to next year's edition.

If you are looking for a place for an event to help raise funds for your organization this is it.







First hot day of the season



Some local kids took advantage of the nice weather last week. Let's hope those days return soon! — Photo by Claudia Ferro

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Most of the House roll calls are on proposed amend-Somerville: ments to the \$40.8 billion fiscal 2018 state budget that



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Mike Connolly

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of April 24-28. There were no roll calls in the Senate.

Most of the House roll calls are on proposed amendments to the \$40.8 billion fiscal 2018 state budget that the House debated for only two days last week. This is the first time that a Massachusetts budget has topped \$40 billion.

A LOOK AT BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE BUDGET DEBATE

CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENTS - Of the 1,210 budget amendments proposed, many of them are bundled into nine consolidated amendments. The system works as follows: Individual representatives file dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters including local aid, social services and public safety. They are then invited to "subject meetings" in Room 348 at which they pitch their amendments to Democratic leaders who draft consolidated amendments that include some of the individual representatives' amendments while excluding others.

"Any representative who sponsors an amendment can pull that amendment for debate," said Seth Gitell, the spokesperson for House Speaker Bob DeLeo. Once the amendment is separated, it goes to the House floor where there is an up or down voted on it. Supporters say this system has worked well for many years.

"It is wrong to do the people's business behind closed doors," said Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) who was among the many Republicans who opposed what they called an insider, archaic system that takes power away from individual members and forces legislators to vote for or against a package of amendments without being able to call for a vote on the individual amendments. They argued that individual amendments should be considered on a one-by-one basis on the House floor.

DELAYING TAX CUTS - Several of the House roll call votes involve successful attempts by Speaker DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against several Republican proposals including ones to reduce taxes.

Here's an example of how it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent back to 5 percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax reduction. Most Democrats would vote against it and then would be open to charges of being anti-taxpayer.

The Democrats, with a 135-25 membership advantage, control the House. A Democratic member then offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Baker administration studies the impact of the cut.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say that the studies are a sham because they are never done.

This is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership. The speaker at the podium calls upon a representative who is loyal to him and that member proposes the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hands and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because he or she would not propose the delay and study.

GOP members have always been wary of this ploy and this year many have spoken out strongly against it. They urged the Democratic leadership to stop purposely trying to confuse the voters and instead allow a vote directly on the tax reductions themselves. They said the Democratic leadership hopes that voters see that their representative voted "Yes" but do not realize that the "Yes" vote is not in favor of the tax cut but rather in favor of the study and delay. Some GOP members said that voters are smarter than Democrats think and will see through this charade.

"The ... tactics of further study amendments' should not be used to avoid voting on an issue, said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "The so-called studies are never done. It is time for the Statehouse to stop treating the taxpayers as an ATM."

The Democrats fall into four categories. Some Democrats favor the tax cut and vote with the Republicans against the study. Others say that they are truly open to the tax reduction but vote for the study because they want to find out the cost first. A third group opposes the proposal but also opposes the study because they feel that there should be a direct vote on the proposal. Most vote for the study and acknowledge that it is designed to protect incumbent Democrats and prevent them from being required to vote directly against tax cuts.

Beacon Hill Roll Call urges you to read the roll calls carefully and be aware that in most cases in which a study is proposed in place of a tax cut, a "Yes" vote is for the study and is essentially against the tax cut. Conversely, a "No" vote is against the study and generally favors the tax cut and/or favors at least holding a direct vote on the tax cut itself.

\$40.8 BILLION FISCAL 2018 BUDGET (H 3600)

- House 159-1, approved and sent to the Senate a \$40.8 billion fiscal 2018 state budget. The House added an estimated \$77 million during the two days it considered the package.

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

The lone opponent was Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover). He spoke extensively during the budget debate and called out the Democratic leadership for proposing further study on tax cuts and other matters instead of voting directly on the them.

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

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

DELAY PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 3600)

House 119-38, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment indefinitely delaying a Republican proposal to establish a permanent annual two-day weekend sales tax holiday in August. The amendment would require the Baker administration to study the impact the reduction would have on the state.

Supporters of the study said it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a permanent holiday without regard for the economic situation of the state during a specific year.

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They argued the Legislature should look at the state's economy and decide one year at a time whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday. Some noted a permanent holiday would hurt year-round retail sales because many consumers would hold off until August to make big purchases.

Opponents of the study said it is time to make this successful holiday a permanent one and noted similar tax-free holidays over the past several years have helped retail stores and consumers. They noted a permanent holiday would give consumers the opportunity to plan purchases in advance and not have to sit around each year and see if the Legislature decides to approve a holiday.

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

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

DELAY PERMANENT MEALS TAX HOLIDAY (H 3600)

House 108-38, approved a Democratic-sponsored amendment indefinitely delaying a Republican-sponsored proposal that would permanently exempt diners from paying the state's 6.25 percent meals tax each year from March 22-27. The amendment would require the state to study the impact of the tax holiday on the state's economy.

Some supporters of the study said the state simply cannot afford the estimated \$8 million revenue loss.

Opponents of the study said rising food costs, high fuel prices, high unemployment and a poor economy have hurt the restaurant industry and resulted in fewer cus-

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

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LT. GOV. VACANCY (H 60) - The Election Laws Committee's hearing also included a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the governor to appoint a lt. governor if that position becomes vacant. The governor's choice would be subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Currently if the lt. governor's office becomes vacant, there is no provision to appoint a replacement and the office simply remains vacant until the next regular election.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of April 24-28, the House met for a total of 22 hours and 52 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 3 hours and 47 minutes.

Mon. April 24	House 10:02 a.m. to 9:06 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 2:45 p.m
Tues. April 25	House 10:39 a.m. to 10:16 p.m. No Senate session
Wed. April 26	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. April 27	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:21 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.
Fri. April 28	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **DOM List Price Address Description** Sale Price 96 Putnam Rd 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial 22 \$519,000 \$553,000 36 Bond St 4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage 23 \$549,900 \$562,000 \$701,000 26 Hinckley St 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Other 14 \$619,000 5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial 20 81 Yorktown St \$700,000 \$760,000

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

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

The Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Dinner

By Meghan Maloney

On Saturday, April 29, supporters of the Little Sisters of the Poor came from far and near for an entertaining evening of good food, good conversation and very good intentions. The event was the Fifth Annual Dinner and the Little Sisters have held it at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in as many years.

The dinner was created to help raise funds in order to continue the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who have been in Somerville for over 127 years. The Sisters and their Staff care for the Elderly Poor of the Greater Boston area and provide this comfort and care in their two adjoining buildings on Highland Avenue, which house up to 111 Elderly Residents.

The dinner has grown in popularity each year, and this year a tent was needed to provide for the additional guests that couldn't quite fit into the main building. The evening's program started with the option to attend Mass in the Chapel and once again, Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM, Cap. was gracious enough to celebrate the Mass, and this year, was also able to stay for the dinner.

Many of the Somerville High



Community members of Somerville support the Little Sisters of the Poor annual fundraiser: advisory members Alderman William White, Alderman Bob McWatters, Anthony Sillari with Mrs. Silari, and Pamela McGlaughlin.

School Culinary Department Students came as volunteers, helping to prepare plates and serve the meal. This partnership with the Students has become a tradition over the years and the guests really seem to enjoy their youthful spirit.

Wonderful raffle prizes included gift certificates such as "Dinner for Four" to Frank's Steak House in Cambridge and a giant dark chocolate and red wine package. In addition to the raffles, this year's dinner had auction items such as dinner for two at Union Oyster House in Boston donated by the owner, plus two tickets for a Red Sox game held later that evening.

But one of the highlights of the evening had to be the bidding war for the football signed by Tom Brady that was graciously donated by the New England Patriots in order to help the Little Sisters with raising the funds they need. The figures went higher and higher and then finally, one lucky gentleman was able to outbid the rest and claim this amazing piece of sports memorabilia.

Local business people, clergy, and many friends and supporters came out that night to celebrate the Little Sisters and their mission, and to see first-hand the work that they do. The guests dined on a sumptuous meal generously provided and prepared by Somerville's own Olde Magoun Saloon by their chef, Howard Haywood, as they met up with old friends and met some new ones.

The Sisters count on the support of many in order to continue their selfless dedication of caring for Continued on page 13

SEPARO Exchange Program



Six Somerville High School students participated in the SEPARO exchange program to Somerville's "sister city," Gaeta, Italy. They left on April 17th and returned on the 26th. The students experienced a glance into another culture, history and cuisine. They stayed at other students' homes throughout the trip and visited places like Rome and Naples. Students were accompanied by two chaperones for the trip, Mr. and Mrs. Machnik. Mrs. Machnik is the high school's new head of the World Language Department. Seeing the place where gladiators fought and what was left of the roman ruins was "an experience like no other," said participant Marissa Toner. "I hope to go back another time and visit all the friends I now have over there," said Kyle Lentini. The students that went to Italy are: Marissa Toner, Christina Keating, Kyle Lentini, Spencer Pitkin, Cody DiNatale, and Tsering Gesar.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #128

Light Cream, Heavy Cream and Ice Cream

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Eating something cold and refreshing on a sweltering hot day isn't an original idea. The Chinese indulged in flavored ice chips thousands of years ago. Later the Romans flavored ice gathered from the mountains. Explorer Marco Polo brought back eastern ice cream recipes to Italy in the late 1200's. This introduced the first Italian slush and French royal frozen creams to Europe. Considered a rich man's dessert, nobility kept their ice cream ingredients a secret. It wasn't until the early 1700's that sherbets began taking root in America.



It has been said that there are two types of people on earth: those who love ice cream and liars. At one time, the chant during the warm season in Somerville and beyond was, "I scream. You scream. We all scream for ice cream." It was a time when limited flavors and a minimal choice of toppings were the norm.

It was before Steve Herrell broke the ice cream ceiling by adding customized "fix-ins" to his homemade Somerville creations. Steve's novel ice cream approach so popularized Davis Square and beyond, that waiting lines of up to two hours were common. Future owner, Somerville's Joey Crugnale, who was also the founder of Joey's Ice Cream in Teele Square, later expanded Steve's Ice Cream. Crugnale was also the creator of Bertucci's restaurants.

Light cream, heavy cream, and ice cream ... they all found room along Milk Row in early Somerville's dairy history. This was the name for the path through Union Square.



At first, it was called the road to Cambridge, connecting Charlestown Neck with Harvard University. Today it is known as Washington Street, named after the first leader



of our nation. General George Washington raised the first American flag on Prospect Hill on January 1, 1776, the same day the American Army was formed here. Washington led the Army through eight long years of war, followed by eight years of leadership as our first American President.

In his retirement, Washington enjoyed many visits from friends, dignitaries and former soldiers that he fought beside. For these guests, a frozen surprise dessert was often served. It was called by its Americanized name, "ice cream." George liked the sugary treat to the point that he once spent \$200 in one year, or close to \$5,000 in today's money, to fill his sweet tooth. He also

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OBITUARY

John E. Rourke



"Jack once hit a hole in one." That was a quick memory of one of his accountant friends when he heard about the death of John Edward Rourke on April 24, 2017, known to his friends and business acquaintances as "Jack." He died at his home in Somerville where he had lived for 38 years.

Golf was not the only thing at which the Somerville native excelled. Born in Somerville on May 7, 1952, he was the only child of the late Edward and Margaret Rourke, and the devoted father of his three children Craig and his wife Clio, Christine and her husband Jeffrey and Elizabeth Rourke. In addition, he is survived by his two granddaughters, Abigail and Lillian, and a grandson due later this year. His beloved life partner, Brenda Pignone, also survives him.

He enjoyed the fantastic adventures that he shared with his beloved Brenda. They played golf and saw the world together traveling from Hawaii to Ireland and everywhere in between. Jack planned every detail of the vacations that they shared. He loved to put miles on the rental car, and find great local spots to eat. But their favorite place to spend time together was on the golf course at Point Sebago Lake where they first met and fell in love.

Above all else, Jack Rourke loved his children. He held nothing back from them, teaching them five solutions for every challenge presented by life. He filled them with love and security, providing a safety net for them so that they could dream big and reach for the stars. They all march to the beat of a different drummer. But that was okay with him. He loved them each for who they are.

The Funeral Procession was from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, on Saturday, April 29. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory can be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114.

School bus driver's short walk to jail CONT. FROM PG 4

The officer stated that he would arrest her if she did not stop, but she reportedly continued shouting.

According to the officers' report, Pierre had traffic and many onlookers across the street stopped, observing her behavior.

The officers then approached Pierre to place her in custody, but she pulled her arm away and twisted her body against a fence

continue shouting obscenities. so that access to her arms could not be gained.

> Pierre was told by police that she was under arrest, but she reportedly continued to curse and resist arrest.

> The two officers eventually managed to put Pierre into custody after a brief struggle. From there, she was walked to the police station where she was booked on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

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Rep. Barber passes budget amendment to improve children's vision health

By Louise Carpenter

During the House budget debate this week, Medford and Somerville State Representative Christine P. Barber successfully secured an amendment in the House budget establishing a special commission to study and report on childhood vision and eye health. Charged with studying children's vision care and quality, commission members will ultimately develop recommendations to ensure all children receive vision screenings and necessary follow-up care.

The commission is an important step forward in Rep. Barber's on-going work with advocates from the Children's Vision Coalition who, after the passage of the 2004 Massachusetts School Entry Law requiring vision screenings for all children entering kindergarten, have been working to identify where and why gaps in vision screenings continue to exist in Massachusetts. The commission will be



chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and will include members of the Children's Vision Coalition, the Massachusetts School Nurses Organization, the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists and the Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

An important prerequisite for early learning and development, ensuring healthy vision for children is a priority for Rep. Barber. "With no statewide system for collecting information on vision screenings for children, it is hard to know to what extent vision

screenings, critically important for detecting and treating vision impairments early, are being conducted for young children," said Rep. Barber. "The creation of this commission is a critical step to learn more about the prevalence of eye exams and follow-up care for young children, and shows a commitment to children's vision health in Massachusetts."

Passage of the House budget this week is one step in the process of appropriating state funds for fiscal year 2018. Next, the Senate will take up its budget package in late May.

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COMMENTARY

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Now this is going to be interesting



By William C. Shelton

Thirty-two years ago, Bob Massie came to Somerville to serve as pastor for Christ Church, a small Episcopal congregation that was on the border between Winter Hill and East Somerville.

On May 16, his campaign kickoff at the Armory will be the next step in a circuitous journey, strewn with adversity and accomplishment. And it should presage the most intriguing gubernatorial race in a long time.

Formative years

Bob was born with classic hemophilia. A lesser known effect of that disease is capillary rupturing that makes joints swollen, immobile, excruciatingly painful, and over time, irreparably damaged.

Consequently, he spent much of his childhood at home, in a bed or wheelchair. But his incarceration was within an environment saturated with parental love, rich in intellectual discourse, and peopled with a succession of family friends and acquaintances who were making a difference in the broader world.

His parents were influential authors Suzanne and Robert Massie, who would spend their lives studying—and sharing with Bob—how lasting change happens. Innately curious, he absorbed ideas and information like a sponge. Outgoing in temperament, he engaged visitors on moral, philosophical, and political questions that most of us do not consider until later in life.

During college he challenged Princeton eating clubs' (think fraternities') biases, helped lead a student anti-apartheid movement, and worked in Senator "Scoop" Jackson's office. The latter position gave him an opportunity to investigate the pharmaceutical industry's resistance to requirements that would en-

sure a safe blood supply. He did not know at the time that those corporate lapses would result in his acquiring both the HIV and Hepatitis C viruses.

Calling and career

In his senior year, he experienced a profound reawakening of his Christian faith. Through prayer, he sensed the imminence of God's love that, he writes, "does not hinge on behavior: it is an irrevocable decision about the essence of humanity and about each person, which stands as a counterbalance and a cure to our endless self-judgment and fear."

He decided to become a minister. But HIV-caused illness forced him to take a break after his first semester of divinity school. Before returning, he worked at Congress Watch and edited an anthology on corporate behavior and impacts.

He completed school, was ordained as an Episcopal priest, and became a chaplain at New York City's Grace Church, where he founded a homeless shelter. But he remained preoccupied with the extraordinary influence of corporations, for good or ill, on government, social justice, and the environment.

Determined to become a "strong and fair advocate for integrating economic creativity and political or religious purpose," he felt that he needed a deeper understanding of business. So he earned a PhD at Harvard Business School.

While there, he served as pastor at Christ Church, preaching every Sunday and ministering to the ill and isolated, comforting the dying, and supporting those struggling with life's most basic challenges.

Subsequently he researched and wrote an award winning book on South Africa's anti-apartheid movement and led or founded three organizations that exercise enduring influence on major corporations' and investors' sustainability practices: Ceres, the Global Reporting Initiative, and the Investor Network on Climate Risk.

But in 2003, hepatitis-induced advanced liver cirrhosis forced his withdrawal to his Sycamore Street home, where for six years he endured waves of pain, exhaustion, and disorientation, sleeping as much as 20 hours per day. During episodic lulls, he continued his activism.

In 2009, Bob received a liver transplant. Since then, he has filled a succession of leadership roles, most recently directing UMass Boston's Sustainable Solutions Lab.

The case for Bob's candidacy

Heading up a massive organization requires both management and leadership. Management ensures that work is done effectively and efficiently. Leadership requires communicating a persuasive vision, inspiring commitment to it, and motivating stakeholders to keep going. The challenge becomes greater when those led are not paid employees, but diverse citizens.

Governor Charlie Baker has become popular by managing small things while avoiding leadership—and controversy—on our most challenging issues. Yet we are in crises of democracy, economic justice, and environmental sustainability that obligate us to conceive bold new solutions.

The state's fiscal health is precarious. We urgently need a modern transportation system. Economic inequality is accelerating as the middle class is shrinking. Working families are priced out of housing and college. We are falling behind other states and nations in shifting investment to clean energy, which would create living-wage jobs and retard climate change.

But the governor and his other Democratic challengers seem unprepared to tackle problems of this magnitude. Much less, offer solutions that are persuasive of their efficacy.

Bob does. He points out that these problems are systemic. They can't be solved by a new program or budget line item. They require structural change.

He observes that "earlier Americans who had far less in material wealth had far more optimism and energy regarding the future. Our technology has outrun our imagination. We can do many more things than we have thought of."



Bob, age nine, holding forth on his porch with Muhammed Ali.

— Photo by Gordon Parks

I find evidence of his ability to not just lead, but manage such initiatives in his founding of the Global Reporting Initiative. He realized that corporate managers were reluctant to take on goals for which they did not feel reasonable confidence in achieving. And in business school, he had learned that "you can't manage what you can't measure."

So he successfully brought together leaders of the world's largest corporations, largest institutional investors, international labor unions, and leading environmental groups to craft a set of measures of environmental sustainability, human rights, and corruption impacts that parallel those of financial accounting.

Bob believes that the same methods can be applied to managing state government. He tells me that "with all the new forms of technology, we could be managing many more things than just cash. Spending money doesn't necessarily correlate with the outcomes that we want."

When asked to assess his chances of challenging an incumbent who, with a 75% ap-

proval rating, is the most popular governor in America, Bob has a provocative response. When Bill Clinton decided to challenge a sitting president, George H.W. Bush enjoyed a 92% approval rating. But over the following eighteen months, circumstances and public perceptions changed sufficiently to give Clinton the victory.

Whatever his chances, Bob has the potential to transform the predictably pedestrian dialogs that we hear in electoral contests into a conversation about what we the people of Massachusetts most want our state to be, and how to achieve it.

I am personally drawn to his candidacy because of something more than his positions and his demonstrated capacities. In an era of opportunistic politicians who pander to the moment's public sentiments, Bob's stated commitments are those that he has invested a lifetime in pursuing.

He invites all interested in learning more to come to his campaign kickoff at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, on May 16, at 5:30.

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COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times



One thing can be said for sure about our great city: there is no want for creative energy and enterprise. Just look at the 100+ artists who will be participating in this weekend's Somerville Open Studios (SOS) event.

Artisans and crafters of seemingly limitless disciplines and choice of media work and thrive right here among us humble, regular types who wouldn't know a palette knife from a chainsaw.

That's the nicest part of it. Events like SOS give all of us an opportunity to peek in and observe how these creative types work and live. Whether one is knowledgeable or a newbie, there always seems to be a welcoming spirit that prevails throughout the course of the event.

And it's not just about being a voyeur or casual observer either. There are also plenty of opportunities to "get one's hands dirty" while dabbling in a particular medium for the first time while taking part in an instructional demonstration.

And, of course, there is also the possibility of making a keen purchase and adding to one's treasure trove of original artwork.

All in all, SOS represents the city at its best in many ways. Sharp, creative minds opening up and reaching out to the community at large, while the people who make up that community reciprocate in kind, sharing their sense of appreciation for what these artists manage to accomplish.

Now, that's a work of art in itself.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Somerville Council of PTA's is having its 43rd Annual PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance on Friday, May 19 at Anthony's of Malden, celebrating the accomplishments of the honorees and scholarship recipients. Another great Somerville scholarship program. For information and tickets contact Leah Arredondo, Treasurer, 10 Harvard Place, Somerville, MA 02143.

The annual Somerville High Scholarship Foundation fundraiser is once again upon us, with the chance to win \$10K CASH, plus up to 24 prizes of \$100 each. Friday, May 12 at the high school's Highlander Café. Tickets for the \$10K drawing are \$100 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. A great cause serving the students from Somerville. Over the years the foundation committee has raised over a million dollars and each year many students from Somerville High benefit from the generosity of the foundation and those that support it. Contact Eugene Brune or mail a check for \$100 to SHS Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275 Somerville 02144.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should

look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www. lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk.

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

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

More than a few people have commented on the new City of Somerville's website, and how its complicated to use, especially compared to the last site the city had. So one of us here at *The Times* went online to renew a permit and to see if there were any outstanding tickets owed. The time it took to get on and stay on trying to make it work was ridiculous. Next, the person went up to the Traffic and Parking Dept. and the place was packed. It was "take a number" from the machine facing the door. Five windows and at no time were all five open at the same time. People were waiting up to half hour. So the obvious question to those in the room was, "Did you try to

go online to do your business with the city?" Everyone asked (about 6 people) remarked about how difficult it was to operate and then to go to the office and wait around to be waited on (lunch hour is just that, an hour in the private sector). Then to tell our person from The Times that his license wasn't registered to him but to another member of the family, which had been dead for over 17 years. After some discussion among the staff, our person finally got his permit. Try online for yourself to pay a ticket or to get a permit: www.somervillema.gov. We bet if a poll were taken of the people using it, the Traffic & Parking Dept. would be declared the worst run city department. What do you think?

Welcome home to our paper's publisher, Ross Blouin. He's back from Mt. Auburn for a short stay and operation. Resting comfortably, he should be back to work at Colony Real Estate real soon.

Congratulations to Charlie Chisholm who, while still in the hospital since December 11, still managed to buy a home in the lovely suburbs of Stoneham. After all these years, another Somerville somebody in the past has moved on. We wish him the very best in his new home.

Cars 3 Road to the Races Tour at Assembly Row

To celebrate the opening of Road to the Races, a nationwide tour inviting fans of #95 to gear up for the upcoming big-screen release of Disney/Pixar's Cars 3, a grand opening kick-off celebration took place last Friday at Assembly Row, Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park.

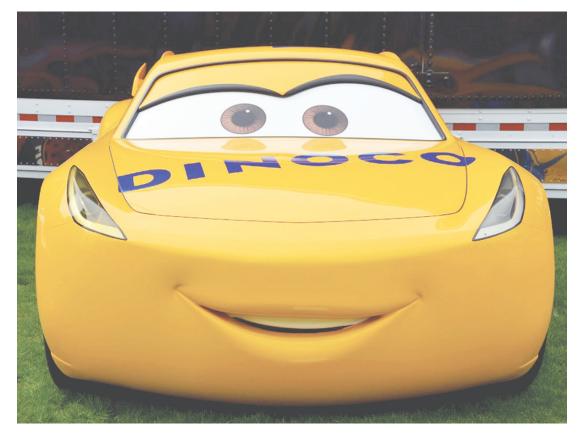
Fans took part in a host of activities and got a sneak peek of the movie. Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone was among the very first guests to experience the tour. Visitors were also able to take photos with the life-size character cars.

The Road to the Races event was present for three days and was free and open to the public, and the Somerville stop was the one and only location in New England for fans to experience the tour.

Area schools were also invited to attend the grand opening and be among the first fans through the gates.













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The Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Dinner

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those who many in society overlook and undervalue. The elderly can be a treasure-trove of wisdom and a great source of joy, and it is the Sisters' pleasure to open their Home every year for this annual dinner, to welcome friends and neighbors, old and new, from local towns and beyond, and to share a fun-filled and high-spirited evening, all in order to benefit these precious elderly.





















SPORTS

Tufts University makes playing fields available to Somerville's young athletes this spring

By Tom Bannister

Tufts University is providing Somerville's youth soccer and lacrosse programs with daily access to its athletic fields this spring sports season in an effort to help address a shortage of city fields. The arrangement continues Tufts' commitment to supporting the youth of the university's host communities.

An agreement between Tufts and Somerville will allow the city's young athletes to hold daily soccer practices and games on C-Field and Triangle Field and twice-weekly lacrosse practices and games on Ounjian Field, a brand new AstroTurf playing surface that opened just last fall.

agreement continues

June 16.

"We're deeply committed to supporting our host communities and encouraging young people to become scholar-athletes," said Tufts University President Anthony P. Monaco. "We welcome our young neighbors onto the Tufts campus and look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships with the City of Somerville."

"This field access is a significant contribution that will provide great benefit to our youngest athletes as the city works to permanently increase field capacity citywide," said Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "But I'd like to commend and thank the university

through the season's end on not just for generously opening their fields to our youth but for their many efforts to be a good community partner. The university has demonstrated time and time again their ability to think flexibly and act generously in support of our city, and on behalf of the community I thank them for that."

> Tufts supports its local communities through a variety of programs, resources and volunteer efforts, a number of which involve Tufts' student-athletes. For example:

- + In January, Tufts' Cousens Gymnasium hosted a high school basketball game between rival teams the Medford Mustangs and Somerville Highland-
- The Tufts football team holds an annual coat drive each fall to benefit local children and families associated with the Somerville Homeless Coalition.
- The Tufts men's lacrosse team also works with the Somerville Homeless Coalition to fight local homelessness and hunger by

conducting an annual food and supplies drive.

- Jumbos have hosted groups on campus and traveled to local middle schools for clinics through Level the Field, a non-profit that provides inner-city youths with opportunities to work with high-achieving collegiate student-athletes.
- · Athletes volunteer for the Cradles to Crayons program, which provides homeless and low-income children with new and like-new childhood essentials, collected through community drives and corporate

+ And several of Tufts' athletic teams act as mentors for local children through Team IM-PACT, a program co-founded by Tufts alumni that pairs children with severe or chronic illnesses with college athletes.

For more information on team-specific community engagement, please visit: http:// www.gotuftsjumbos.com/information/saac.

To learn more about how Tufts is involved in its local communities, visit https://www.tufts. edu/info/neighbors.

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

- 1. When was the first
- 2. What musical instrument does Prince Charles play?

home microwave sold?

- 3. Where would you find mititei on a menu?
- 4. On an official MLB diamond, what is the distance between the pitcher's mound and home plate?
- 5. What song was used in the Heinz Ketchup commercial in the late 70s?
- 6. What do the letters 'BMW" stand for?

- 7. Where would you find a malar bone?
- 8. Lightning causes light in the form of what?
- 9. What was John Glenn's first spacecraft called?
- 10. What branch of medicine is concerned with the study of diseases related to blood?
- 11. In which decade did stereo records first go on
- 12. Which newspaper did Jackie Kennedy work for after college?

Answers on page 17

SkillsUSA State Competition



New police officers join the force



Justin Buswell (center left) and Seamus Lynch (center right) are sworn in as Somerville Police Officers at the Board of Aldermen meeting on April 27. Buswell was formerly a police dispatcher in Arlington and Lynch is a rehabilitation specialist for the Somerville Council of Aging. — Jordan Deschenes

By Rebecca Danvers

Seven students from Somerville High School's Career and Technical Education Program competed on April 27-29 for the Skills USA State Competition.

The program's purpose is preparing the high school students for the workforce. They focus on their vocation training as well as leadership and business skills.

The students competing this

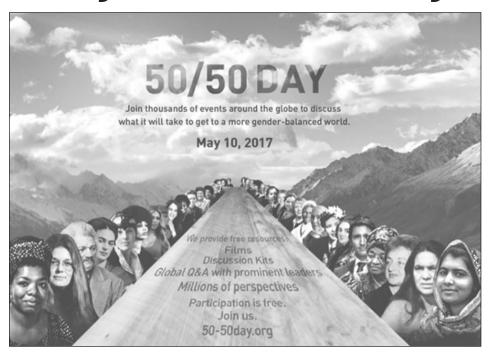
time were: Marissa Toner, Senior, Prepared Speech; Kyle Lentini, Senior, Job Interview; Molly Roderick, Senior, Dental Assistant; Charlotte Kafka-Gibbons, Sophomore, Commercial Baking; Anthony Araujo, Senior, Graphic Design and Communications; Alexis McGeoghean, Senior, Early Childhood Education; Steven Hawkins, Junior, Related Technical Math.

President of the Somerville

chapter for SkillsUSA, Marissa Toner stated, "We are all pleased and proud to have a medal this year. Somerville, with seven students competing, sat next to schools with ten times more students."

Kafka-Gibbons placed 3rd for her competition in commercial baking. Advisor, Mario Sousa said "Charlotte absolutely displayed her craft and our school in the best way possible."

May 10 is 50/50 Day



By Kristen Strezo and Stephanie Goodell

The Somerville Commission for Women (SCW) is taking steps as to create a gender-balanced world that is better for everyone. And on May 10, SCW will participate in a global movement designed to build community around gender equity through 50/50 Day. The event will take place at the Public Safety Building in Union Square, 220 Washington Street at 6:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend.

We will be screening Emmy-nominated filmmaker Tiffany Shlain's 50/50: Rethinking the Past, Present, and Future of Women + Power. The 20-minute film beautifully illustrates the current lack of parity and provides a much-needed historical context for conversation and action.

While 50/50 Day defines the problem, the Somerville Commission for Women is ready to engage our community to develop solutions. After the film, a conversation will be held based around the

economy, politics, identity, culture and home in the context of gender parity.

SCW will be part of a global dialogue with over 8,000 events happening in 42 U.S. states and 36 countries. In addition to the film, there will be a global online livecast that unifies 50/50 events throughout the world and focuses on what it will take to get to a gender-balanced world.

If you are a Somerville resident (all genders and ages) who understands that achieving gender parity now is good for our community, it is hoped that you will join in on May 10. For more information, please contact Chris Hosman, Community Services Manager at 617-625-6600 ext. 2406 or chosman@somervillema.gov.

Kristen Strezo is Co-Chair on the City of Somerville's Commission for Women, Stephanie Goodell is a SCW Commissioner; however, the views and opinions expressed in this article are entirely their own and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the City of Somerville.

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collected ice cream scoops and molds and purchased an ice cream maker.

Washington's wife, First Lady Martha, is popularly credited with the introduction of ice cream to America and established it as a standard presidential dessert. Forty presidents later, Ron-



ald Reagan named July as National Ice Cream Month. This coming July 4th will be Somerville's 175th celebration of Independence Day and the nations 241st. Enjoy saluting her and our country with the founding fathers' and America's favorite dessert ... ice cream!

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Cinema Somerville Film Festival this Saturday

The City of Somerville, in collaboration with the Somerville Arts Council and the Somerville Media Center, present this year's "Cinema Somerville" short film festival featuring short films about Somerville.

Join in the Saturday evening of Somerville Open Studios weekend, May 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Union Square Plaza (or inside Somerville Media center in inclement weather).



To celebrate the City of Somerville's 175th Anniversary, this year's theme is "Somerville old and new." The screening will feature short films about Somerville, ranging from Somerville music, food, politics and history.

Come early to talk about your Somerville stories. The city's storybooth will be there for you to tell your funny, interesting stories about your time living in Somerville. Have you lived here a long time and want to talk about Somerville in the old days? Have you moved here recently and want to say what it is you love about the city? Come to the plaza starting at 7:00 p.m. to tell your stories.

The film festival will also feature food from Carolicious, the dynamic Venezuelan duo that are part of the Arts Council's Nibble culinary entrepreneurship program. Grab a tasty arepa from Carolicious to enjoy during the screening.

For a full list of films go to: www.scatvsomerville.org/news/csfest.

Now in its third year, Cinema Somerville is a project of the Somerville Media Center. It builds community in Somerville through collaborations with community organizations and residents by presenting free public film screenings at various locations in Somerville.

ArtsUnion is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council's John and Abigail Adams Art Program and the City of Somerville.

For questions about the festival, please contact Special Events Manager, Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998.



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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

37 Banks St: (Case #ZBA 2017-27) Applicants and Owners, William M. Wells and Colleen Gillard, see Special Permits for non-conformities in order to increase the FAR and to build a dormer within the left side yard setback. RA zone. Ward 1.

14 Cedar Avenue: (Case: ZBA 2017-29) Applicants and Owners, Peter Riordan & Cynthia Singer-Riordan, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to increase the FAR and to extend an existing, non-conforming right side yard setback. RA zone. Ward 5.

85-87 Gilman St: (Case #ZBA 2017-26) Applicant, James Balan, and Owner, Xiaomin Song, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to perform alterations within the required front and left side yard setbacks of a nonconforming structure by adding a third story to the two-family dwelling.

292 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2007-11-R3-3/2017) Applicant/Owner, Kenn Spera, seeks a Revision to a special permit (ZBA 2007-11, ZBA 2007-11R0508, and ZBA 2007-50) under SZO §5.3.8 to alter the footprint and a Variance under SZO §5.5 and SZO §8.5 to alter the height of the previously approved rear structure to build and approximately 4.850 square foot mixed use building with four residential units and one commercial unit, RC zone. Ward 2.

5 Columbus Ave: (Case #ZBA 2017-34) Applicants/Owners, John and Elizabeth Mulholland, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to perform alterations within the required left side yard setback and to the floor area ratio of a nonconforming structure by extending the length of the north facing dormer. RA zone. Ward 3.

Completed application forms are not posted online but submittals be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, May 18 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

337 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB2016-09-R1-2017) Applicant BwB -Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit 2016-116 in order to use restaurant and fast food use interchangeably up to 5500 square feet under Article 7 of the SZO. NB & CCD55 zones. Ward 1.

288 Broadway: (Case #PB 2017-11) Applicant, Cambridge Repro-Graphics C/O Craig Murphy, and Owner, Belmont Hill Corporation C/O Tribeca Management, seek a special permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a. of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to make façade alterations to the existing structure. CCD-55 zone. Ward 4.

62 Broadway: (Case #PB 2017-2017-09) Applicant and Owner, John Ciano, seeks a Special Permit with Design Review under Article 5 of the SZO to increase the height of a mixed-use building from 24 feet to 40 feet, and increase the number of units from one to three, along with the net floor area and the floor area ratio under §4.4.1 of the SZO. Parking relief is sought under Article 9 of the SZO. CCD 45 zone. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding 1) a proposal by Michael Santangelo: to demolish a c.1890 wood frame house at 150 Hudson Street; and 2) a proposal by LREM, LLC to demolish a c.1870 wood frame workers cottage at 27-31 Murdock 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@somervillema.gov.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday May 15, 2017 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of bfresh #4103 for an Entertainment by Devices License at 244 Elm St., Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Upton John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday May 15, 2017 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway, Somerville, MA for a New All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Opening Sundays at 10AM License, and an Entertainment by Devices License.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Administrative Assistant

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX, ss

Docket No: MI17E0032PP

To: Harold E. Thidemann of Belmont in the County of Middlesex, Joy P. Schiff of Middleton in the County of Essex, and to all other persons

A petition has been presented to said Court by, Karl Thidemann of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, representing that He holds as tenants in common 33.333% undivided part or share of certain land lying in Somerville, in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, and being a lot shown on "Plan of Land in Somerville" surveyed for Mather E. Hawes by Charles D. Elliott, surveyor, dated September 1892, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds at the end of Book 2177, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Mills Street, now Sargent Avenue, at the Cooper Estate and running northwesterly on said Sargent Avenue seventy-four and 4/10 (74.4) feet; thence the line turns and runs

Westerly thirteen and 19/100 (13.19) feet, thence the line runs Southwesterly twenty-six and 66/100 (26.66) feet; thence the line runs again

Southwesterly thirty-seven and 37/100 (37.37) feet to Mortimer Place; thence the line turns and runs

Southeasterly on Mortimer Place twenty-one and 79/100 (21.79) feet to the end of Mortimer Place; thence the line runs Southwesterly on said Mortimer Place ten and 85/100 (10.85) feet

to land now or late of Samuel T. Lawrence; thence the line runs Southeasterly on said Lawrence land forty-eight and 5/10 (48.5) feet to the corner of land now or late of one Cooper and said

Lawrence; thence the line turns and runs Northeasterly on land now or late of said Cooper seventy-six and 55/100 (76.55) feet to the point of beginning. Containing according to said plan, 5859 square feet more or less.

Also all that parcel of land formerly used as a passageway in Mortimer Place, now discontinued and utilized by a block of houses fronting on Sargent Avenue, also all the right, title and interest in and to a small irregular shaped parcel conveyed by one Cliff to Nicholls by deed dated February 14, 1912, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Book 3670, Page 520, and shown as Lot 4 on plan recorded in said Registry end of Book 3670. This latter parcel is contiguous to the first and together both parcels have a total area according to the City Engineer of Somerville, of 6157 square feet. Together with such rights in, to and over Mortimer Place to Marshall Street.

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at **private sale or Public auction, for not less than (\$3,000,000.00) THREE MILLION DOLLARS**, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock, on the thirtieth day of May, 2017 the return date of this ci-

Witness, HONORABLE Edward F. Donnelly Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this eighteenth day of April, 2017

> Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate Court**

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of On the Hill Tavern for a Billiards and Bowling License at 499 Broadway, to operate 3 pool tables.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG **CITY CLERK**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville** Licensing Commission on Monday May 15, 2017 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Colwen Management, Inc., d/b/a The Row Hotel, 360 Foley St., Somerville, MA for a New All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Innholder License, Common Victualler License, Outdoor Seating License, Opening Sundays at 10AM License, and an Entertainment by Devices License.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro **Administrative Assistant**

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 beginning at 6:00pm in the Somerville High School Library. The purpose of this meeting is for Planning and Preservation Staff to present and discuss the current draft of an ordinance aimed at amending the City's existing demolition review regulations for structures over 50 years of age.

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Ms. Cam's From on page 14 Answers

1. In 1946, the Radarange

7. Each side of the face below the eye

2. Cello

8. Plasma

3. Romania

9. Friendship 7

4. 60 feet, 6 inches

10. Hematology

5. Anticipation by Carly Simon

11. 1930s

Carly Simon

6. Bavarian Motor Works 12. Washington Times - Herald in

1952

Bringing music therapy home for dementia patients

By Nathan Lamb

A growing body of research indicates that music therapy can significantly improve the quality of life for people with dementia. It's a practice that many are only just learning about, but there's apparently no shortage of interest in giving it a try, explained Rory Silvia, an operations manager at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES).

"Every single client I called said they were willing to try anything, if we thought it would help," said Silvia

SCES recently incorporated the Music & Memory program into their range of services available to clients in the Greater Boston area. The grant-funded program uses music to trigger memories and help dementia patients reconnect with the outside world, by providing each participant with an iPod and a tailored playlist of music that's meaningful to them.

"It's not just music therapy, it's personalized music therapy," said Silvia. "That's why it's been so beneficial for people with Alzheimer's and dementia, because it taps into their memories."

Program benefits include reduced agitation, increased cooperation with care, and enhanced socialization. Music & Memory has been the subject of numerous studies, including a 2015 report from the Front Porch Center for Innovation and WellBeing that found memory care clients using this intervention saw average mood improvements of more than 38%, with 57% of caregiving staff reporting a more positive outlook

and reduced behavioral symptoms of dementia.

The concept was pioneered by Music & Memory founder Dan Cohen, who started the program as a music-loving volunteer in 2006, before scaling things up to non-profit status in 2008. There are currently more than 3,300 certified organizations worldwide, including the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, which provides Music & Memory for more than 100 nursing homes.

Music & Memory is increasingly offered at adult day health and institutional settings, but Silvia said the SCES implementation is unique in Massachusetts- and reflects the agency's commitment to providing community-based services.

"What we're doing is a bit different, because we're bringing Music & Memory to people in their homes, and training the family on how to use it," she said. "We'll check-in once per month to see how things are going, but families and volunteers are helping to ensure the clients are using it on a daily basis."

SCES earned the Music & Memory certification in September, and has since provided iPods for 10 clients. The initial grant provided startup resources to serve more than 100 participants, but Silvia plans to keep things going by soliciting old iPod donations.

"That's a big part of how a lot of programs sustain their resources," said Silvia. "People who have an old iPod they no longer use can donate it and we can repurpose it in a way that's really meaningful."

To date, 20 SCES case managers, nurses and social workers have been trained on how to use the program. While the initial effort has focused on clients with Alzheimer's and dementia, Silvia plans on expanding it to help any SCES client who could benefit – whether they're coping with depression, cognitive impairments, or could simply use a boost while undergoing dialysis or chemotherapy.

"We want to provide this for our clients and show them how it can help change their lives," said Silvia. emailing rsilvia@eldercare.org.

Art for everyone at Somerville Open Studios

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studios as possible, potential visitors can go to the event's website where a map of all the participating studios and a schedule can be found. Photography, paintings, and pottery are just some of the forms of art visitors can explore at Somerville Open Studios. Topically, the organizers have also tried to put a special focus on Somerville's 175th anniversary.

However, taking a look at the map to find a studio to start with can be overwhelming, so the Somerville Museum will open the so-called First Look Show at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, showcasing one work per SOS artist.

In addition to the main weekend, several additional events have been set up.

Leading up to SOS, a fashion show called Beyond The Pattern will be taking place at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., on Thursday from 7.30 to 9:00 p.m. "The cosmos, mythology, fantasy, world events and time travel" will be themes explored by the designers in their collections of clothing and accessories according to the event's website.

In Davis Square, artworks by firsttime SOS participants can be seen in the windows of CVS Pharmacy and at an art show conducted by volunteers at Diesel Café. For donut-lovers, SOS has installed its first Donut Show at Union Square Donuts with all donut-themed art.

Jane Sherrill is one of the visual artists participating in SOS this year. She is particularly known for her paintings of seascapes documenting "the beaches as they exist now in the face of climate change," as she says. This year, she has focused on the painting of trees and their bark since she loves the "daz-



zling color and wild textures" of moss and lichen.

"Somerville Open Studios is an event where I get to show my paintings to visitors, including many strangers, and also talk with them about art and what I do," she said, adding that it is also a great way to sell her artwork. With that, she is "asking us to pay attention to this stunning world and take good care of it!"

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

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | May 3

East Branch Library

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

Central Library Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday May 4

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

Lego Club 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday | May 5

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

Fun Friday Sing Along with Matt Heaton! 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | May 9

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday | May 10

East Branch Library

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

Central Library Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday | May 3

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8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

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7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. ArtsFuse Salon

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

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

Thursday|May 4

Sally O'Brien's

BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm

Backroom Series: Silver Arrow Band 7

Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Andrew Warnock 8 p.m.

Whistlebot Dancehall Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

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Thunder Road Supersuckers

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken

Scarlet Sails, Radiator King 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Smut Slam

7 p.m.|Café Beyond the Pattern - SOS fashion show

7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell A Star Wars Burlesque 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday | May 5

Sally O'Brien's

lim Coyle & King Blue |6 p.m. Bikini Whale, Tsunami of Sound, Billy Connors Project \$5 cover | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Backroom Series: Old Salt Union and Mile Twelve|7 p.m. TBA |10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 247

P.A.'s Lounge **Panadictos** El Gran Mitote

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Joshua Tree

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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live music

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Thunder Road Scissormen (Roots/Rock)6 p.m. Skyfoot (Funk/Jam) 9 p.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Wild Reeds

379 Somerville Ave

Blank Range 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Greg Klyma 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Arts at the Armory

Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

The Conqueror Worm Suite 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave **Somerville Open Studios**

The Burren Front Room:

Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Saturday | May 6

Sally O'Brien's

Back Room The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The Social No.11|7 p.m. TBA|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Gideon Grey Lockette Unstraight The Gala

Mya Nus 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

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Disco Saturdays @ Pop Icon Brunch Thunder Road | 11 a.m. 379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

An evening with Session Americana 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.

Garry Tallent of the E Street Band|10 p.m.

255 Elm Street Aeronaut Brewing Co. Firefly Arts Collective SOS 2017

12 p.m. – 6 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Somerville Songwriter Sessions 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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Sunday | May 7

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **PA'S Lounge**

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

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Bluegrass

Thunder Road Stevie Wonder's Birthday Brunch"For Brunch In My Life" | 10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma|7

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

p.m.- 6 p.m.

14 Tyler Street

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Special musical programming Firefly Arts Collective SOS 2017|12

Arts at the Armory Somerville Open Studios Community

12 to 6 p.m.|Performance Hall

Roast Battle 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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Monday | May 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room: Science By The Pint|6:30

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

P.A.'s Lounge **KYROS Edge of Reality**

8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series

7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Screaming Females Ozlo, Laika's Orbit

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell 255 Elm St Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Tuesday | May 9

14 Tyler Street

Sally O'Brien's Bar 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room:

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10

p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

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Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Avel617-625-1131

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 **Thunder Road**

Thunder & Lightening Sessions 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Horisont Dirty Streets, Worshipper, Psychic Wounds 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave.

Arts at the Armory Indie at the Armory 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

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Wednesday | May 10

dren-Seavey 10 p.m.

The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm

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

Back Room Backroom Series | Matthew Byrne | 7:30 . Comedy Night With Jordan Han-

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Been Out Here Teen Open Mic

6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Wednesday | May 3 **Central Library**

Arts at the Armory

GOP Committee Growth Meeting 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Left of the Left My Memories of Sam 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Income Inequality Reading Group

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | May 4 **Central Library** FREE Yoga at the Library

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

40 College Ave **East Branch Library** Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday | May 6 Central Library

Lacan Reading Group 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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weekly to discuss their work

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

Bagel Bards

Sunday|May / Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basem

Monday | May 8

Unity Church of God

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1)6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

West Branch Library

Tuesday | May 9 **Central Library Book Sale**

Wednesday | May 10

5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street *Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and/or 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

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

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

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

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

Gentle Movement Workshop – Monday, May 8 – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Contemporary dance artist Heather Stewart will lead a gentle movement workshop. Please sign up by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Storytelling through Art with Linda Cohen – Fridays, May 12, 19 and 26 – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Bring colored pencils. For additional information, questions or to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Women's Group – Starting Tuesday, May 16 - from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center.

This group will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting in May. May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 20th – Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 to sign up. Space is limited.

Singer/Entertainer Tommy Rull – Tuesday, May 23rd - 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us for a musical journey through the years. Lunch will be served. RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Stayin Alive: Bee Gees Tribute – Tuesday, May 23 - \$83 per person includes transportation, lunch and show at the Danversport Yacht Club. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot please call Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

Tall Ships – Tuesday, June 20th - \$57 includes narrated tour along historical Boston Harbor and lunch at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. Check in time is 9:30 a.m. at Holland Street and 10:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 4:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve your spot contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. The Older American's Month Celebration scheduled for

Monday, May 1 at the WHYC is SOLD OUT.

The trip to the Kentucky Derby scheduled for May 4th -

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Mother's Day Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 is BOOK SOLID.

Waist Watchers scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 is SOLD OUT.

Bye Bye Birdie scheduled for Wednesday, June 7 is SOLD OUT.

Tall Ships scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 is SOLD OUT. The day trip to the Lowell Spinners scheduled for Thursday, August 10 is SOLD OUT.

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

LGBTQ Monthly Lunch – Wednesday, May 10 - 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This month's lunch

will be lasagna, chicken meatballs, vegetables, salad, bread and peaches. Please RSVP (a must) to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 by Friday, May 5.

LGBTQ Annual Dinner/Dance – Friday, June 2 in honor of Pride Month from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located at 30 Washington Street. \$15 per person includes dinner, dessert, DJ and dancing. RSVP is a must for this event. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

2017 Event Dates

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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7:30am	Somerville Storytellers	8:00pm	(LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Science 360	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	The Struggle
11:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, M	av 5	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
11:30am	Hello Neighbor!	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Start Up TV Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
1:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
1:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	9:00am	Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves	Sunday,	May 7	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	10:00am	Greater Somerville	6:00am	Hello Neighbor!	10:00pm	DW Tomorrow Today
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4:00pm	Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution
5:00pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday,	May 9
5:30pm	Justicia Migrante	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
6:00pm	Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Art at SCAT
7:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SCOUTV	12:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
9:30pm	Beyond Boston	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	10:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction	11:00am	What's Left
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Thursday	•	6:30pm	The Language of Business	6:00pm	DW In Good Shape	1:00pm	(LIVE) Words on Film
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
7:30am	Esoteric Science	7:30pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	SCATV Throwback Thursday	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Public Domain Film Festival	4:00pm	Aging Well
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	4:30pm	The Struggle
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents		SCATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions	8:00pm	(LIVE) Dead Air Live
4:30pm	Off the Shelf	10:00am	TeleGalaxie	10:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
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Wednesday, May 3						
9:00am	Week of the Young Child					
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 5.1.17					
3:00pm	Congressional Update					
6:30pm	Week of the Young Child					
7:05pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte					
7:33pm	Davis Sq. Neighborhood Planning Meeting					
9:00pm	Congressional Update					
9:30pm	SomerViva em Português					
10:00pm	Women's History Month Celebration					
Thursday, May 4						
12:00am	Mayor's Business Town Meeting					
1:12am	Mayor's Discussion on Sanctuary Cities					
1:30am	SomerViva em Português					
2:00am	Davis Sq. Neighborhood Planning Meeting					
8:00am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults					
9:00am	Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2017					
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12:00pm Senior Circuit "Learn to Live Your Life Well" Rally Point Davis Sq. Neighborhood Planning Meeting Week of the Young Child Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2017 The Mayor's Report Mayor's Business Town Meeting Talking Business "Chill Ville" Women's History Month Celebration Friday, May 5

12:00am Davis Sq. Neighborhood Planning Meeting 2:00am 2:30am 9:00am 9:30am 12:00pm 12:37pm 1:09pm 1:30pm 2:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:31pm 8:44pm 9:16pm Saturday, May 6

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Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game 9:00pm 10:00pm Greek Independence Day 10:16pm Greek Independence Day Celebration Sunday, May 7 12:00am Congressional Update

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SHS Volleyball v Greater Lowell Tech

Vocational Senior Awards Banquet

Julia Monaco is a freshman at Endicott College from Sandy Hook, CT. She is double majoring in International Business and Marketing, and has always enjoyed poetry and writing creatively.



Poisonous Elegance

She wore her booze like Chanel $N^{\circ}5$,

With elegance and passion.

She danced in its aroma.

The sharp taste of liquor followed her constantly.

The poisonous liquid sits in a large bottle next to her.

It was her passenger,

Her sidekick.

With it, she was invincible.

Monsters yelled to her:

"I don't know who you are anymore"

She ignored the yells though,

She knows who she is.

Disapproving faces gawked at her

And as she raised the handle of Grey Goose

to her yearning mouth,

She gawked back.

The warm poison slid down her throat

Ferociously yet with grace, all at once.

The feeling consumes her,

And soon she is submerged in her elegance.

The monsters were gone

And so were the gawkers.

Time stops

And so

does she.

— Julia Monaco

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville's JT Thompson:

A Chronicler of Union Square

I usually use my backroom perch at the Bloc 11 Cafe to interview the many poets, writers, artists, and interesting folks who live in the city of Somerville. On this April morning my position on the backroom table was to be reversed. I was to be interviewed by Somerville writer Thompson.

Thompson, who early in our conversation spilled a cup of freshly brewed coffee all over my school-boy notebook – regained his composure quickly – as any pro would do.

Thompson, back in the 90s, was one of the founders of the Washington Street Art Center, just outside Union Square. He was actively involved in the arts scene, and was on the Somerville Arts Council board, working with the former director of the Council, Cecily Miller, who he greatly enjoyed collaborating with. As it turns out Thompson is involved in a project that struck my fancy. It consists of interviews with some stalwarts of Union Square – immigrants, barkeeps, artists, poets, hairdressers, and assorted characters who make this piece of real estate unique and diverse. So, of course, I had to turn the table on him and first conduct an interview with Thompson himself.

Thompson is somewhere in middle age, of average height, sports an easy smile, and a nonthreatening and attentive presence. He does not have the standard background. His father's work (he set up law schools in Africa and elsewhere) sent him to far-flung places around the globe. As a result the younger Thompson wound up being born in Zambia, lived in Ethiopia, and along the long and winding path he hit the environs of Somerville.

Thompson told me he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University. For a number of years he worked as a travel writer, and in other forms of non-fiction. He also had stints as a marketing copywriter, and adjunct professor at Emerson College, and a private investigator.

Thompson was inspired by TV personality Jon Stewart, who was asked in an interview, "What makes America great?" So Thompson has interviewed people with that overall question in mind. In my case (and I assume others), Thompson asked me about my earliest memory, weaved through my elementary school years and my adult life, and asked some unexpected existential questions that I



JT Thompson

haven't thought about deeply in a long time. And I realized that even though I love my country it was hard to articulate exactly why.

Thompson told me that he uses Union Square as his stomping grounds, "Because of its vibrant, diverse community, and for its symbolic resonance as the home of our first flag." He revealed to me that so far he has interviewed Tony and Jerry, the father and son team at the PA Lounge the thoughtful and articulate owner of backbar, Sam Treadway, the owner of Groove Records, the poet/artist Julie Ann Otis and others.

Thompson told me wanted to reconnect with the vibrant art scene in the square, and this seemed to be a ticket in. Thompson worries (like a lot of us) that the jaws of gentrification may displace the very kind of people that are his subjects. But like many of us, he seems to be hopeful. So if you are walking in Union Square, and you see an amiable and inquisitive man stop and ask you questions... feel free to add to this ongoing narrative, it is well worth your while.

A series of Thompson's interviews appears in *The Somerville Times*.

Somerville PorchFest returns

Have you ever sat on your porch and enjoyed hearing a neighbor strumming a guitar on a nearby porch? PorchFest takes this idea and multiplies it to create a citywide event where Somervillians share their love of playing and listening to music by holding porch concerts across the city. PorchFest returns this year on Saturday, May 13, from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Somerville PorchFest began in 2011 and has been growing rapidly ever since. This year over 200 musical acts will be performing on porches (and sometimes spilling into front yards and gardens) all over town. Genres range from gypsy punk, cosmic Americana and killer blues to Afrobeat, acid folk, and American space rock. There's even Porch-ioke where passersby can step up and belt out a tune with a band backing them up.

Acts in East Somerville perform from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., central Somerville bands (between Central and Willow St.) perform from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and West Somerville musicians perform from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This allows music to sweep like a giant wave from east to west and festivalgoers can plan out their routes to hear as much music as possible. To see the current lineup and map go to www.somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest. Listen to band's music samples and plan out your day. Want to play PorchFest? Registration is still open until May 11. Go to the website for more information and to register your band. For questions about the festival, contact Arts Council Director, Gregory Jenkins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2985.



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