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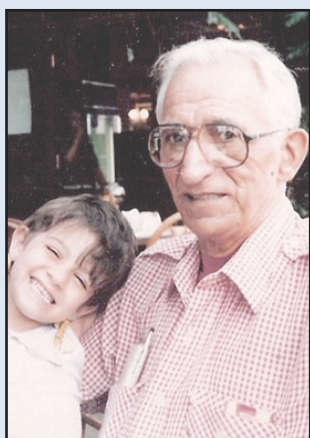


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City budget talks spark questions about transparency



Mayor Curtatone addressed questions posed by members of the Somerville City Council regarding transparency issues as part of the FY20 budget development process.

By Erin Nolan

The Somerville City Council debated the transparency of the budget for the 2020 Fiscal year at a recent special meeting, held on Wednesday, June 5, in which the budget – amounting to some \$254,654,111 – was presented by Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott called the budget the “least transparent document this city has put out since 2006” during the meeting, while the mayor described it as “one of the most transparent documents in the Commonwealth.”

According to Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, every budget is supposed to include the names, salaries, and other information of all city employees. This information was not included in the FY20 budget. All of the city councilors who spoke on the issue agreed that this information is helpful to them. *Continued on page 4*

Assembly Row's first Silent Disco finds its groove

By Jennifer Grimes

On Friday night, June 7, Assembly Row by Assembly Square kicked off their First Annual 21+ Silent Disco. People 21 and over were seen dancing, laughing, and having an enjoyable time while sporting LED headphone sets. The event was hosted by Boston Free Radio and powered by Quiet Events (the headphone brand provider), with portions of the ticket's proceeds going to RESPOND Inc.

Three talented and welcoming DJ's operated the different stations that listeners could choose from by using a small switch on the side of their headphones. The headphones, supplied by Quiet Events were adjustable, comfortable and made with a small orange switch which allowed listeners to change stations.

Three stations were offered: a green station, a blue station and a red station. Dependent upon which genre of choice consumers preferred, the outside of the headphones *Continued on page 12*



The First Annual 21+ Silent Disco at Assembly Row brought party people out to shake their groove thangs last Friday evening.
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This Saturday, June 15, finally, it's the **Third East Somerville Reunion** at the **Somerville City Club**, across from Holiday Inn on Innerbelt Road. Thanks to hard work and efforts put into this by **Dan Rogovich** and his small but dedicated bunch of helpers, it should be a great one once again for one and all. The last time was two years ago and well over 100 to 150 attendees showed up from all over the state and across the country. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to have a third. Some of us here at *The Somerville Times* are from East Somerville we will be there and have already reached out to others. A small group of "down backers" behind the Bucket who grew up there in the 60's will all be there. They meet every four or so months to talk about old times and great times. Help make this a success. Go online to Facebook to check it out. Ask Dan what you can do to help. He is looking for the food, entertainment and just plain East Somerville fun. Dan and his small crew have been working on this event, when you get there thank him for doing this. It's a great way to bring back old memories of the best section of the city East Somerville, so many stories and old friends. Pictures will be taken for next week's paper.

Come on people, let's support **all the businesses** that are being affected by the **bridge closings**. This Saturday, June 15, is the **Somerville Arts Council's Night Market** in Ball Square, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., right after **Joe's Jazz & Blue's Festival** in **Powderhouse Park**. We need to support Ball Square, as well as **lower Washington St.** and **other places** across the city.

Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to **Muriel White**, formerly of Winter Hill, is celebrating this week. We, of course, hope she has a great one. Happy birthday to another former Somerville person, **Raymond Trant**, formerly the **Chairman of the Licensing Committee**. We hope Ray has a great day for himself. Happy birthday to **Carolyn Pedersen**, who can be seen all the time here

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone*

TheoNa says:
The statement "...but if you're worried about the price tag, there's some good news – less than \$1 million would be coming out of the general fund. The majority of the funding would come from other sources like state and federal grants, the capital improvement program, and the Municipal Rideshare Fund" is misleading. Regardless of which fund it comes from it is still being funded by taxpayers. The reality is that it is still going to cost Somerville taxpayers \$3 million.

Response to: *Arriving today!*

ReneeMaria says:
Another fun & VERY amusing article by Jimmy DelPonte thanks Jimmy!

Response to: *'Just One Run' 5k in Memory of James M. Pefine*

JOE CIARAMETARO says:
GREAT ARTICLE, A LOT OF DESERVING PEOPLE NEED HELP. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED.

Response to: *Symposium on white supremacy*

Truth says:
White Supremacy does not exist. No race is superior.

Response to: *Proposed bike path on Powderhouse Boulevard*

Gideon says:
You know that hair doesn't have brains, right?

Response to: *The faker*

Terry says:
LOLOLOL you can't make ANY of this stuff up...Classic!

Response to: *'Little Creatures' Poems by Somerville Bagel Bard Julia Carlson*

Susan Tepper says:
I'm waiting to receive this book, and so this review came at the perfect time. Now I'm especially anxious to read it.

Response to: *The Buggy*

Ken (Malden) says:
Dear Jimmy, Thanks so much for that story! My Dad helped Steve, Joe and I to make our our Buggy back in the day as well!, best, Ken

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Life in the

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by Jimmy Del Ponte

Father's Day



My dad has been gone since 1994. I was 41 when he died. So I had 41 years to get to know Fred Del Ponte. To say he was quite a character is an understatement.

My father built our first buggy. He used a broomstick to push me and my brother and sister around the block from Pearson Ave., and down Prichard. We took turns steering.

In 1968 the nuns at St. Clements offered a piano to anyone who was willing to move it. Dad got it home and that was the piano me and my brother learned on.

Dad became a scoutmaster when my brother and I joined Troop 71. He came on weeklong camping trips with us. He enjoyed the bossy role of scout leader while my brother and I dealt with the other campers making fun of him. His real name was Ferdinando and a few of the older scouts had a blast teasing him. They called him "Ferd" and my brother and I were called "little Ferds!" He straightened them out by giving them garbage detail and other silly jobs. They had nicknames for him and he had nicknames for the two biggest wise guys. He called one "bulb nose" and the other "frying pan head." Lol.

Dad worked as a welder at the Charlestown Navy Yard before he was married. One of his favorite stories was when he was stopped the night of the Brinks robbery and the cops searched his car.

During World War II, when dad was stationed in Italy, he was in charge of Frank Sinatra's USO airplane. I guess Old Blue Eyes was being rude to some of the service men so my father bumped him off the plane and made him wait an extra five hours. Dad did it "his way."

When we were really small, probably around 1962, my father called Fort Devens and told them he was a Somerville politician and they drove us around in an official staff car and gave us the royal treatment all day.

When I started taking guitar lessons, my father bought himself a guitar and took lessons with me. I remember sitting on the picnic table in the backyard trying to show him how to play "G-L-O-R-I-A GLORIA!"

Dad had a watch repair office in our house. I still have a cigar box filled with broken watches with tags on them that he never got to. The names on the tags are aunts, uncles, neighbors and even a couple of nuns from St. Clements grammar school.

Dad became an usher at St. Clements church for a few years. He'd be at one or two masses on Sunday passing the collec-



tion box. He used to tap us with the basket for a joke when he came to our bench. He thought that was the funniest thing ever. He made it well known that the only reason he was an usher was because of the hearty breakfast served in the Rectory.

For a while, dad drove a limo and flower car at Cataldo's funeral home. I still cringe when I drive by the former site. My whole family ended up there.

A great memory was marching in the Memorial Day parade with the Italian

American War Vets, Post 20 ITAMS. I was about 10 years old. We wore huge helmets and baggy leggings, and thought we were so cool. Me and my cousin Eddie Pellagrini looked forward to marching with our dads every year. The party afterwards was fun too, with cold cuts and Joe Antonelli entertaining everyone on the piano.

Dad's friends were the best. There was Lenny Scott, Mary Forni, Eddie Pellagrini Sr., Marie Howe,

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Shortest job interview ever and a mysterious bulge

Last Friday, a police officer working in the Somerville Police Drug Unit observed a man who is known to police from prior narcotic related arrests riding his bicycle back to his residence on Flint St.

Officers set up surveillance in the area, and within twenty minutes, observations were made of a vehicle pulling in front of the residence.

Police noted that the operator of the vehicle was female, while a male passenger, later identified as Kristopher McNamara, was observed using his cell phone.

The resident was observed coming out of his house and walked into the rear passenger

side seat of the vehicle. Within thirty seconds he exited the vehicle and began walking back towards his residence as the vehicle went down Rush Street towards Pearl Street.

Officers intercepted the resident for questioning and the vehicle was followed in order to question the occupants.

According to police, the resident threw a small object into his mouth and swallowed it, as he has been known by police to do in similar circumstances.

Officers asked him where he was coming from and he reportedly stated he was meeting a friend that he did not know the name of, and also

stated he was meeting him to find work and talk about work. When it was pointed out that he was in and out of the vehicle within thirty seconds he did not respond.

The vehicle was stopped at the intersection of Washington St. and Mt. Vernon Street, and officers noticed that McNamara had his pants unzipped.

McNamara was ordered to step out of the vehicle was asked if he had anything on his person. McNamara reportedly stated he did not and that officers could search him and the vehicle.

McNamara immediately put his hands on top of the vehicle and pressed his groin area

directly next to the car. This shielded his entire front area of his body from being frisked.

McNamara was asked to step away from the vehicle as he believed he may be concealing something. He then took two steps back and immediately upon starting the frisk, the officer felt an abnormal bulge near McNamara's groin area.

An officer explained to McNamara that he knew he had drugs in his groin area and gave him an opportunity to remove the bag himself, which he declined.

When asked how much money was in the vehicle, McNamara reportedly replied,

"My life savings, almost four thousand dollars."

The officers walked McNamara to a private location behind a building to check what the bulge was. Immediately upon searching this area, a large sized clear glassine baggie containing other numerous baggies of an off-white rocklike substance and white powdered substance was observed, presumed to be crack cocaine and powdered cocaine, both a class B substance.

McNamara was placed under arrest on multiple charges of drug possession to distribute. McNamara's monies, over five thousand dollars, was seized and will be subject to forfeiture.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Paula Nolin, of 359 Green St., Cambridge, June 3, 5:50 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of credit

card fraud under \$1200, trespassing, and larceny from a building.

Sarah Clary, of 5 Ashlynn Way, Rehoboth, June 5, 10:28 p.m., arrested at McGrath

Hwy. on warrant charges of larceny under \$1200, larceny over \$1200, and use of a motor vehicle without authority.

Kelli Cavanaugh, of 30 Boylston St., Boston, June

7, 2:44 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of possession of a class E drug, possession of a class C drug, and larceny under \$1200.

Kristopher McNamara, of 209 Vine, Everett, June 7, 9:27 p.m., arrested at Mt. Vernon St. on multiple charges of drug possession to distribute.

City budget talks spark questions about transparency

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The mayor argued that this change was made in order to be more consistent with other communities and in response to requests from city employees for more privacy.

But McLaughlin said he was suspicious of the timing of this decision. "Last year, during the budget season, we requested budgets in advance and there are positions which aren't technically funded by the city or grant funded," he said. "We asked for the names of those people, and I was very, not so surprised to see a lot of people with familial connections to other city employees, and you know, maybe like the qualifications weren't there that would have been if we had been aware of who was having these positions."

The information also allows the council to see which positions are currently unfilled or may become vacant in the near future.

"That's a concern to me. This is the first time this [the names not being included] has happened since 2006, as [Councilor Scott] said," McLaughlin noted while referencing a talking point by Scott during the meeting. "And it probably goes back

even further; 2006 is just when they started this format. It feels strange that they're making this change after we had this issue last year. So they're saying this is about safety or whatever, but it seems to be the opposite. It seems to be protecting people who maybe don't deserve that protection."

"We want to know that these people actually qualify for their jobs," he said.

Councilor At-Large Stephanie Hirsch said that while she sees the value in having this information, she understands why the city decided not to reveal the information.

"I do remember, in being a [city] employee for several years, that it was sort of awkward to have everybody's salary listed," she said. "Though I was also surprised that it was not included, but I can understand why there is an argument to not include the salaries."

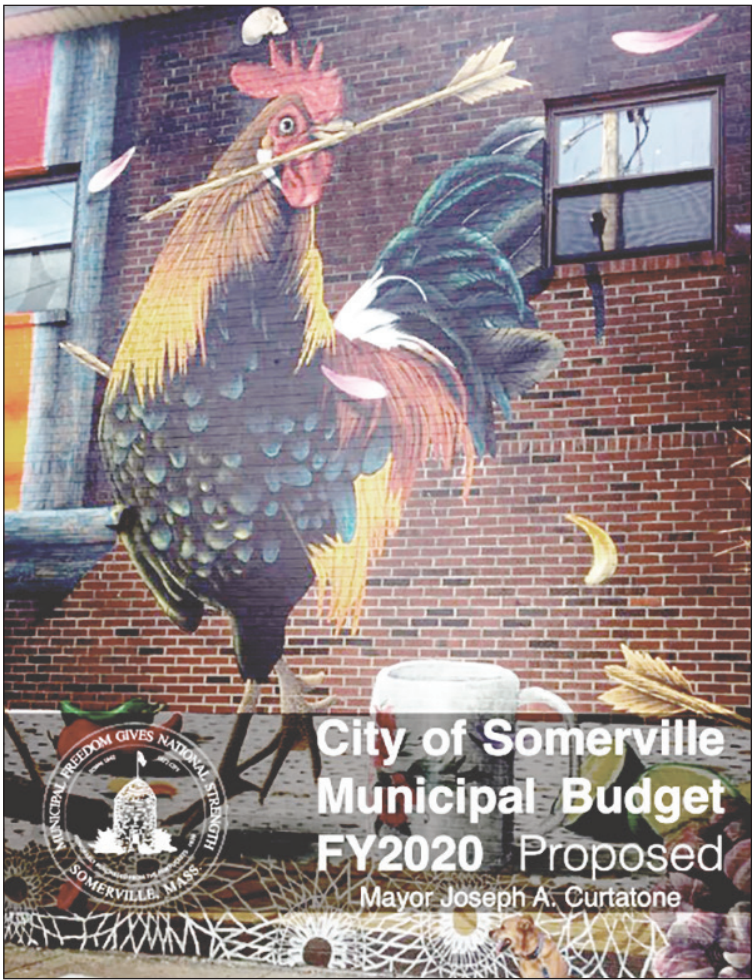
After the meeting, McLaughlin expanded on his thoughts about the budget. "I would say the most important aspect of the budget is for it to be transparent and for us to get all the answers that we asked for so that we can make informed

decisions," he said. "And I feel like what's happening now, and what's happened in the past, is we don't get transparency. It makes it difficult for us to make decisions. And then we're left with the decision of, do we just arbitrarily make cuts and possibly hurt the province? Or do we just let this lack of accountability move forward? So that would be the number one concern to me. It's just like, we want to know what people's money is being lost. And right now, I'm not getting the feeling that we're going to have that information."

Mayor Curtatone told the Council that the administration would provide them with additional information and that, hopefully, this new information would be sufficient in helping them to perform their due diligence.

"We are committed, and all the vacancy information will be provided to the Council," the mayor said. "We are balancing privacy, but not at the sake of transparency." He called Somerville "probably one of the most transparent communities in the United States."

The budget hearings will con-



The proposed FY20 budget hearings will continue through the month of June. The current draft can be downloaded from our website at www.somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/.

tinue throughout the month of June, with cut night(s) and final approval scheduled for June 25, 26, and 27. The hearings can be viewed on Somerville City TV (channel 22 on Comcast, channel 13 on RCN), and online at

<http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/>. Updated information as well as a downloadable copy of the current budget draft is available on the city's website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/fy20budget>.

Greentown Labs Demo Day 2019

By Melissa Rosales

On Friday, June 7, Greentown Labs had its annual showcase and celebration of clean tech entrepreneurship and innovation. The goal of Demo Day is to bring entrepreneurs, partners, investors, elected officials and clean tech supporters together to “drive collaboration, progress, and climate action.”

“From my perspective, Massachusetts isn’t just a bay state, we’re the green state,” United States Senator Edward J. Markey said in his speech. “We’re not blessed with gas or coal but we have the most powerful resource of them all, and that is brain power and optimism, and that’s what Greentown Labs represents.”

The lab was founded in 2011 and has since become the largest clean tech startup incubator in North America with over

200 supported startups. The 100,000 sq. ft. Somerville-based campus is comprised of prototyping lab space, a wet lab, a machine shop, an electronics lab, and office space for more than 500 people.

The program started with a lab showcase, where over 600 visitors enter the lab to meet more than 90 companies based in Greentown Labs like Dexai. Systems engineer Syler Wagner said the company develops flexible automation for food service with a robotic arm named Alfred.

“Alfred is really meant to automate a variety of kitchen tasks so we can work with different utensils (tongs, dishes, spoons) and it’s supposed to be a plug in place solution that can easily be rolled into existing restaurants,” Wagner said.

Alan DiPietro’s interest for emerging technology and sus-

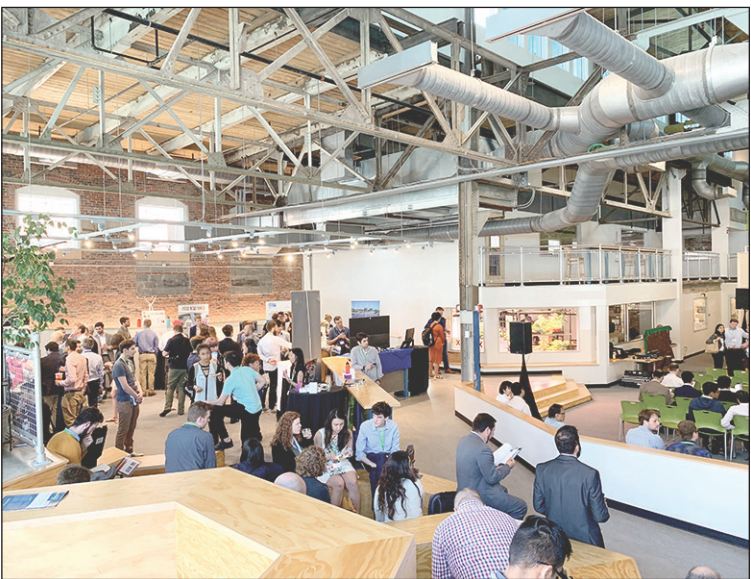
tainable materials and processes brought him to the lab showcase. The South Boston based local said he really enjoyed the event.

“You really get to talk to the people who are inventing these technologies,” DiPietro said. “I mean you can see them and I get a lot of questions, but the entrepreneurs are standing right there so I can ask them the questions.”

When asked which companies he found most intriguing, DiPietro said domovi’s product, a washer, dryer, and dishwasher combination jumped out at him the most. “I’m a boater. Space is a big issue so I love that,” he laughed.

Leanne Cushing, founder and CEO of domovi said Greentown Labs gives the small company of two collaborative benefits with other companies when they run into issues. Cushing has a little club of all the hardware engineers in the lab to brainstorm and teach each other new technologies like sensor technology and sheet metal. “It’s a good way to have sort of a good knowledge based ecosystem,” Cushing said.

After the showcase, speeches were given by Greentown Labs CEO Dr. Emily Reichert, Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, United States Senator Edward J. Markey, other CEOs



Greentown Labs opened its doors to the public, press, and elected officials last week to show off all that has been going on there over the past year, and what is yet to come.

of companies like SparkCharge and “popcorn pitches” from ten Greentown Labs member companies. The event closed with a networking celebration and roof deck exploration.

Somerville’s partnership with Greentown Labs began in 2013. Since the lab’s move, more jobs were added in support of SomerVision to create 30,000 new jobs by 2020.

“We want you [Greentown Labs] to stay in Somerville. We want those ideas to be here. We want the jobs to go here because we want our economies to thrive,” Curtatone said. “Somerville, our plan, is to declare our-

selves, to make ourselves the climate action capital of the world.”

In less than 10 years, Greentown Labs companies raised more than 650 million dollars and created more than 2,800 jobs. Of the 200 plus startups supported by Greentown Labs, over 85 percent are “still in business and thriving.”

“Let’s take action together and challenge each other to do our part in the fight against climate change,” Reichert said. “For my part, I’m inspired by what our industry and our ecosystem has done in less than 10 years and I can’t wait to see what we’ll do together in the next 10 years.”



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of June 3-7.

ALLOW UNIONS TO CHARGE NON-UNION MEMBERS FOR SOME COSTS (H 3854)

House 155-1, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow unions to charge non-members for the cost of some services and representation. The bill was filed as a response to a 2018 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that public employees cannot be forced to pay fees or dues to a union to which he or she does not belong. Freedom of speech advocates hailed the decision while labor advocates said it was an unjust attack on unions.

"Today the Massachusetts House of Representatives stood up for workers," said Massachusetts AFL-CIO President Steven Tolman. "They stood up for workers and against the right-wing special interests that forced their anti-union views across the country through the misguided and political Janus Supreme Court ruling."

"The union bosses just got the green light to harass and intimidate state workers who are not enrolled in a union," said Paul Craney, spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "They can flex their muscle as much as they want, to the detriment of our state workers, and Massachusetts can thank the 155 House lawmakers who voted for it."

"This legislation is just one important step in the fight against anti-worker attacks," said Peter MacKinnon, president of SEIU Local 509. "Even now, the labor movement is facing new legal threats designed to make their way through the courts to drain our resources and weaken our collective power. Our members, our legislators and our communities must stand united against those that attempt to divide us."

"While I wasn't opposed to the overall bill, I truly believe that personal privacy is a fundamental human right," said Rep. Joe McKenna (R-Norfolk), the only member who voted against the bill. "And for the Legislature to create a law that takes away that right from a citizen is simply wrong. All I was asking is that the employee be given a choice if they wanted to share their private, personal information with the union. Maybe it is only a couple of people, but isn't our duty to protect their privacy rights over the wants and desires of a trade organization? Obviously, I'm alone in this thinking, but I feel this is an extremely slippery slope and sets a dangerous precedent."

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

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

PERSONAL INFO (H 3854)

House 31-125, rejected an amendment that would eliminate the requirement that employees give the union their home address, home and cell phone number and personal e-mail address. The amendment would leave in place the requirement that the employee provide his or her work telephone number and work e-mail address.

Amendment supporters said that requiring personal information is an invasion of the employee's privacy. They noted that unions have enough ways to contact new employees without using personal information.

"It is more than reasonable to expect that unions, who

will be representing individuals in their work interest, should contact those prospective members at their place of work," said McKenna the sponsor of the amendment. "This amendment would ensure that unions, whose reputation has not always been sterling, cannot use unnecessarily coercive or harassing tactics to impose on someone's privacy at their home or on their cell phone in order to pressure them into union membership."

Amendment opponents said laws have to keep up with the times. They noted that today's communication is done via cell phone and personal e-mail address, not home address and landline phone.

(Please read carefully what a "Yes" and a "No" vote mean. On this roll call, the vote can easily be misinterpreted. A "Yes" vote is against requiring that employees give the union their home address, home and cell phone number and personal e-mail address. A "No" vote is for requiring it.)

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

BREACH OF INFO (H 3854)

House 28-128, rejected an amendment that would require unions to provide the state with a bond with sufficient surety to provide credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to all union members in the event of a data breach. The amendment also would hold the union liable for any damage or injury that results from the disclosure of any employee contact information to a third party.

"Seemingly weekly we read news of yet another large-scale data breach of individuals' personal data," said Rep. McKenna. "It is reasonable to assume that a union with whom we entrust such personal information to, shall take the necessary steps to prevent and secure against identity theft. If they violate this law and illegally share the personal information they have collected from an employee, it is only logical that they should be held liable for any damage or injury that results."

Amendment opponents said credit monitoring and identity theft protection services would already be provided to each employee under a law passed last year that applies to not just union workers, but to all workers.

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

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

EMPLOYER MUST GIVE EMPLOYEE THE OPTION TO OPT OUT (H 3854)

House 27-129, rejected an amendment that would require an employer to meet with a newly hired employee and inform the employee he or she has the option not to join the union.

"It is entirely possible, if not likely, that a new employee may not be aware that under [the Supreme Court decision] they have the right to choose not to join a union and to pay union dues," said McKenna. "However, asking an employee who may not even be aware of that right to decline when sitting across the table from a union representative does not give that employee the ability to make that decision free from all pressure or coercion. It is right

and fair that an employer should provide their employees with all information pertaining to their rights, and the ability to choose to opt out while not being pressured by a union rep."

Amendment opponents offered no arguments during the debate. Despite repeated requests by *Beacon Hill Roll Call* for a comment from three representatives who voted against the amendment, none of them responded including Rep. Tackey Chan (D-Quincy), Dan Ryan (D-Charlestown) and Bud Williams (D-Springfield).

Chan, Ryan and Williams are very familiar with the bill since they filed their own versions of it months ago. Their versions were eventually consolidated into this new version that was being debated on the House floor.

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

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

BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONES (S 2216)

Senate 40-0, approved a bill that would prohibit drivers from using a hand-held cellphone or other electronic device to make a call or access social media. The measure allows drivers to use only a hands-free phone but allows him or her to perform a single tap or swipe to activate or deactivate the hands-free mode feature. Use of a hand-held phone would be permitted in emergencies including if emergency service is necessary for the safety of the operator, a passenger or a pedestrian; and if police intervention is necessary due to a motor vehicle being operated in a manner that poses a threat to the safety of travelers on the roadway or to pedestrians.

Violators would be fined \$100 for a first offense,\$250 for a second offense and \$500 for a third offense and subsequent offenses. A third offense would count as a surchargeable offense that could lead to higher insurance rates for the violator.

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

Although no one voted against the bill, some opponents say that the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted and that the bill is a bonanza for insurance companies which will collect millions of dollars in surcharges.

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

"After fifteen years of filing and tirelessly pushing legislation to ban such dangerous behavior, Beacon Hill is

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finally ready to end the tragedies occurring on our roadways,” said Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford). The chief proponent of the bill in the Senate. “Today, the Senate again passed a strong bill to save lives. We can never truly understand the pain suffered by the families of distracted driving victims, but we certainly owe it to them to put this on the governor’s desk ASAP.” The House has approved a different version of the bill and a conference committee will work out the differences.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$200 MILLION IN CHAPTER 90 FUNDING FOR LOCAL ROADS (H 69)

Senate 40-0, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds. Other provisions include \$200 million for rail improvements and \$1.5 billion in bonding to allow for federal interstate repairs to advance. According to officials, 80 percent of the \$1.5 billion would be reimbursed by the federal government.

Supporters said the \$200 million would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward. “Chapter 90 funding provides cities and towns with critical resources to carry out important projects like highway construction and road paving to improve local infrastructure in communities across Massachusetts,” said Gov. Baker. “We thank the Legislature for working with our administration to pass this bill and continue our

support for local officials this construction season.”

No one voted against the bill but there are some legislators and city and town officials who say the \$200 million that has been given for the past few years is insufficient. The Massachusetts Municipal Association[MMA] has been seeking for several years to increase the amount to \$300 million. “The MMA’s long-term goal is to work with the governor and Legislature on a shared strategy to increase Chapter 90 funding and provide a multi-year framework, so that cities and towns can improve the quality of our roadways and save taxpayer dollars,” said MMA Executive Director Geoff Beckwith. Transportation House chairman Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett) said the current \$200 million is sufficient when combined with other state programs to help cities’ and towns’ infrastructure, including \$50 million for small bridge repairs.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

QUOTABLE QUOTES

The Legislature’s website has a daily list of “The Most Popular Bills.” A calculation is performed daily and measures the number of hits each bill gets. Here are the top five for June 6, 2019:
H3097 An Act prohibiting the practice of coal rolling.
H1345 An Act to require sexual harassment prevention training.
H2580 An Act relative to charges associated with condominiums in tax title.
H545 An Act relative to sun safety.
H2470 An Act providing for a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption.

To see the details of the bills, go to www.malegislature.gov and in the search box, type the number of the bill (without any spaces.)

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 June 3-7, the House met for a total of six hours and 12 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 33 minutes

Mon. June 3	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Tues. June 4	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 5	House 11:03 a.m. to 4:07 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 6	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:56 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fri. June 7	No House session No Senate session

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72465558	67 Gilman St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	6	\$499,999	\$572,000
72475965	66 Marshall Street U:A	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	6	\$595,000	\$641,000
72463960	2 Snow Terrace	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	7	\$685,000	\$715,000
72361444	23 Glendale Ave	8 room, 5 bed, 2f bath	276	\$800,000	\$750,000
72455592	33 Avon Street	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1hbath	61	\$1,399,000	\$1,380,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72464755	56 Line Street U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	3	\$1,085,000	\$1,200,000
72448116	40 Harvard St U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	27	\$1,099,900	\$1,085,000
72403300	12 Columbus Ave U:12	7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	199	\$1,145,000	\$1,100,000
72485889	35 Woodbine Street U:35	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	7	\$1,148,000	\$1,155,000
72476091	5 Elmwood Street U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 3f bath	7	\$1,175,000	\$1,195,000
72458234	33 Bay State Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	29	\$1,190,000	\$1,141,500
72418896	9-11 Sherman Ct U:9	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath	159	\$1,299,900	\$1,250,000
72460554	22 White Street Place U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	31	\$1,419,000	\$1,380,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72322821	46-48 High Street	11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms 2 Family	368	\$1,250,000	\$1,100,000
72476211	78 Morrison Avenue	12 total rooms, 3 total bedrooms 3 Family	15	\$1,350,000	\$1,400,000
72452986	30-32 Whitman St	14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms 2 Family	51	\$1,374,900	\$1,342,500
72487492	94 Albion Street	10 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms 2 Family	20	\$1,398,000	\$1,400,000
72497854	11 Preston Rd	17 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms 3 Family	9	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
72469003	242 Broadway	21 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms 4 Family	31	\$1,649,999	\$1,560,000
72463745	65-69 Adams Street	36 total rooms, 18 total bedrooms 5-9 Family	21	\$3,650,000	\$3,200,000

Mary Marshall for Ward 3 School Committee campaign kickoff fundraiser

The Committee to Elect Mary Marshall for Ward 3 School Committee hosted her campaign kickoff fundraiser on Wednesday, June 5, at The Neighborhood Restaurant in Union Square. The public was welcome to attend. You can find out more about Marshall’s campaign platform by going to her website: MaryVMarshall.com.



Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Candied Pecans

Try adding a sweet, spicy crunch to your salads with these candied pecans. They also go great with ice cream, or even add a bowl to your charcuterie platter. Another great addition to add to your pantry so you have them on hand at all times.

- 1 Large Egg White
- 1/2 Cup White Sugar (Or 1/4 Cup White Sugar & 1/4 Light Brown Sugar)
- 1 Teaspoon Freshly Grated Nutmeg or Cinnamon
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- 1/8-1/4 Teaspoon Cayenne Pepper (Optional)
- 2 Cups Pecan Halves

Set the oven to 300°. Prepare a

large sheet pan with parchment paper. In a large bowl, whisk the egg white until it's foamy. Add the sugar and spices and whisk until the mixture is opaque, about 2 minutes. Add the pecans to the bowl and thoroughly coat them using a spatula. You don't want to break them. Once they are coated, spread them onto the sheet pan in a single layer. It's fine if some are touching each other. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until deep golden brown. Let cool completely and store in an airtight container. They should last about 6 weeks if you don't eat them all by then! Experiment and create your own flavors. They make great gifts too.

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City consultant questions feasibility of underground parking for first phase of Union Square project

By Marshall Collins

Last week, at the Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern Massachusetts on Lowell Street in Somerville, the city's Planning Board convened to hear from members of the community about a number of cases. But, a case that was top of mind for many of those in attendance was if Union Square's first phase of commercial and residential development could economically support moving the above-grade parking garage to below-grade.

George Proakis, executive director of Mayor Curtatone's Office of Strategic Planning at Community Development, took the podium to introduce Barry Abramson, a real estate finance consultant who was engaged by the City of Somerville to conduct an independent analysis of the ability of the project to support the additional cost and implications of Alternative 1, especially with regard to underground parking.

Abramson's conclusion was that if the developer is required to move parking underground, it would cause an estimated year delay, potentially jeopardizing the project altogether.

Abramson's initial conclusion regarding the Alternative 1 concept was focused on what it would cost to put parking underground, versus the currently proposed above-ground parking garage. US2 estimates the above-ground garage to cost \$12 million. Abramson's analysis estimates that it would cost a total of \$25 million to place parking underground, thus more than doubling the cost of the currently proposed garage.

Additionally, Abramson acknowledged other challenges posed by moving parking underground: US2 would need to work through significant engineering and design issues and go through re-permitting. While some members of the Planning Board pushed back on the re-permitting issue, arguing the process would be

less arduous should it need to be done a second time, Proakis walked them through what the bare minimum in permitting approval would entail: Multiple waiting periods, community meetings, votes, design site plan reviews, design committees, sub-committees and more. Overall, he said it could delay this first 1.3 million square foot phase of the project by at least a year, pushing the groundbreaking currently scheduled for this fall, to October 2020.

"In an ideal world the Planning Department would prefer a lot less or no parking at all..."

Abramson said that the reason this matters is because of something he called a "big intangible." The Boston area market, and Somerville's in particular, has been riding a "nice wave" economically, but

that might not be the case in October 2020. He specifically pointed out that US2 would be pioneering the lab and office market in Union Square, but that a year or two delay could harm Union Square's competitive position, and it could lose out to other neighborhoods like Alewife or the Seaport. He also acknowledged the economic slow-down that's been predicted by a number of economists in the next 6-20 months, and how that might affect the feasibility of the project, should it be delayed by 12 months.

What followed Abramson's presentation was a response from Sarah Lewis, the city's planning director, via Proakis (Lewis was unable to attend the meeting). But in Lewis' memo, Proakis articulated the Planning Department's decision to support the design for this first phase of the project, that has been submitted to the Planning Board, with some minor proposed amendments. Her memo also addressed

whether - as one Planning Board member suggested in response to Abramson's presentation - there could simply be less parking.

"In an ideal world the Planning Department would prefer a lot less or no parking at all. However, the reality of the project demands that vehicles still need to be accommodated in the near term. The number of spaces has already been greatly reduced from typical requirements."

If the Planning Board and the city want to grow the city's commercial tax base to fund "key city priorities including annual increases in school budgets and commitments to equity programs throughout city government," this first phase would be essential. As Lewis also notes in her memo, "the taxes generated from this project are an important part" of Somerville's FY 2021 growth projection. That leaves a big decision looming for the Planning Board in the next few weeks.

Father's Day

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Artie Ardolino and Sabby Capuano to name a few. Some of dad's best buddies were Somerville icon Gene Brune, Dr. David W. Jones, educator extraordinaire. My dad's best pal was my uncle Sal. In later days when dad was active in The Masons, him and mom hung around with Donald and Pat Norton, and uncle Sal and aunt Olga. Dad loved his friends.

Dad always had a few jobs. He also helped at my uncle Joe Del Ponte's glass business. But the job he loved was head engineer running the engine room of Dewey and Almy Chemical, later to become WR Grace. He ran those boilers for 38 years. That was him blowing the 9:30 curfew whistle at night. I remember seeing an iridescent glowing liquid at dad's work. Probably toxic goo.

My father lost his wife, my mom, in 1986. It was a very sad time for us. But nothing prepared him for losing his 39-year-old daughter six years later. He was left to fight for custody of

his 9-year-old granddaughter against her abusive father. Dad and his granddaughter were the best of friends. Dad was triumphant, but those grueling court sessions and losing two loved ones weighed very heavy on him.

The news of my brother's terminal illness was enough to push him to the brink. I believe dad willed himself to die so he didn't have to bury a third loved one. He basically turned the family over to me. He often referred to me as his "right hand man." I loved that.

Dad never met my two boys but I tell them stories about him all the time. I say things dad used to say. They just pop out and I have to smile and say, "Wow, my dad used to say that!"



My dad Fred hung around the Supreme Deli in Davis Square right up until he died on Thanksgiving Day, 1994. He proudly wore his Kiss 108 jacket with his name on it and a Yankees hat. He handled the ribbing well. You can still hear dad's voice occasionally on Kiss 108 saying funny things like "You guys are all cuckoo up there," and "Right you are, Mr. Siegel."

Fred was quite a colorful guy. I'm

a lot like him in many ways. I'm loud, I yell at cars to slow down on my street and I love my family like crazy. One of my father's favorite things to say was, "You tell them your Daddy said so!"

Hopefully, dad is reunited with his loved ones and friends in heaven.

And in closing, I'll leave you with one of dad's favorite sayings: "Yeah, that's it ... what the hell more do you want?"

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The hidden issue of underemployment



By Joseph A. Curtatone

When thinking about the economy, many of us look to the unemployment rate as a measure of how we're doing. The unemployment rate has been on a steady decline since the recession and is now about 3.6% nationally, and about 1.7% in Somerville. On the surface, that looks great, but unemployment numbers don't capture the growing problem of underemployment.

Underemployment is a broad term that includes a few categories of workers. People who work part-time but would like to work full-time, people in jobs they are over-qualified for, people in temporary jobs, and people making less than expected based on their education or experience are all considered underemployed.

Underemployment is harder to track than unemployment, but there are some numbers out there that help illustrate the magnitude of the problem. Last year *NPR* reported that around 33 percent of college graduates are underemployed while the *Washington Post* put the figure at 43 percent. In Massachusetts, we know one in six workers has

a job beneath their skill level and that the number of underemployed workers has risen from about 70,000 in 2007 to more than 100,000 in 2019. Statistics also show that the number of underemployed seniors who are still working is also rising. It's important that we continue to get a better understanding of underemployment and how, we, as a community, can help local workers out of it, because underemployment has serious long-term economic impacts. Because underemployment can take several forms, the long-term effects also can vary based on each worker's situation. Here are a couple of examples of how people can be hurt by underemployment in both their personal and professional lives:

Someone working part-time or cobbling together full-time hours from a few part-time jobs likely won't receive the same benefits as a full-time employee, including health insurance, sick days, or paid vacation – or even bank holidays. That means higher costs for health insurance and having to choose between staying home when sick or taking needed time off, or losing a day's pay, which can trigger a domino effect. When someone has to pay more for health insurance and loses wages when they take a day off, they have less money for housing, food, medical care, transportation, and other expenses. They also may be paying more for transportation – rather than one

commute to and from one job, an underemployed worker could be making two or three commutes between jobs in a day.

Underemployment has also been shown to slow career progression and earnings growth. Studies have found that many workers who begin their careers underemployed are still employed below their potential five and even 10 years later. And, unfortunately, this is a problem that disproportionately affects women and people of color. Along with not getting the additional work experience and opportunity to learn new skills that often comes with career advancement, people stuck in underemployment don't see the accompanying salary increases that come with moving up the ladder. Again, this sets off a domino effect. Workers whose careers and earnings have stagnated will have a harder time doing things like affording rent increases, buying a home, having children, or saving for emergencies or retirement.

If you've read any of the many "millennials are killing X industry" articles that have been published, you also know that underemployment shapes consumer behavior and the larger economy. Someone who is having a hard time making ends meet or doesn't know when their next freelance check is coming in is less likely to go out to eat, go shopping, or buy tickets to a concert or play.

Unfortunately, like many of the big challenges we face, there's not an easy solution to underemployment. But that doesn't mean there's nothing we can do.

The City's Economic Development Division works on a number of programs to both bring jobs to Somerville and to make sure that Somerville residents are prepared to fill those jobs. We do this because neither our new high school graduates, our active local workers, our young professionals, our mid-career workers, nor our seniors, should have to face underemployment.

On the job recruitment side, the City's Economic Development team regularly does outreach to promote Somerville to large employers like Partners HealthCare or Philips as well as small, local independent businesses. Their site finder tool can also help business owners who want to open or expand a business in Somerville find the right property for their needs. They hold workshops and open houses in multiple languages where prospective business owners can learn more about the process of opening up. Our Small Business Support program pairs local businesses with business coaches who advise on topics like financial planning, writing a business plan, and marketing and offers grants to fund those efforts. In *SomerVision*, the community set a goal of bringing 30,000 new jobs into Somerville, and each of these programs helps us

get closer to that goal.

Making sure there are jobs in Somerville is important, but so is making sure employees have the skills and education needed for those jobs. Through our Skill Up Somerville program, adults can take advantage of skill development programs, including social media, coding, and fabrication, that will help prepare them to find a job or advance their career. Somerville was also one of the first municipalities in the state to establish a jobs linkage fund, which helps with the cost of job training efforts. Money for the fund comes in through a fee paid by developers of commercial projects over 15,000 square feet.

As a large employer in Somerville, the City also has a part to play. A \$15 per hour living wage was recently passed for all part-time staff, and this past year we settled five union contracts that now include wage growth even when the union is out of contract.

During the recession, shifting jobs to part-time or contract positions was a way to keep more people in jobs. But now this short-term fix has created long-term problems for many workers and we, as a community, must look at strategies to get people out of underemployment and headed toward greater opportunities. We don't just want 30,000 new jobs. We want to be sure 30,000 people are fully employed in them.

Marianne Walles launches campaign for mayor of Somerville



On June 6, Marianne Walles turned in 300 nomination petition signatures, 50 more than the required number. She is the first to submit qualifying signatures in the race. A lifelong resident of Somerville, daughter of an immigrant and mother of two boys, Ms. Walles enters the race determined to address is-

suces like affordable housing and local jobs that have long been ignored by the incumbent mayor.

"I see too many people struggling to survive Somerville's 'success,'" said Walles. "As a social worker, I've been closest to the pain and suffering in our community. I will advocate for affordable housing, to make elite institutions pay their fair share, and to create a transparent city government that will work for the people – not special interests."

One example of incumbent Mayor Curtatone's support for special interests over community concerns: He recently supported the statewide "Housing Choice" initiative to spur housing production without any requirements for building afford-

able housing and no protections from displacement.

"Somerville doesn't need more luxury developments that will intensify gentrification and lead to displacement of existing residents, businesses, and our community institutions," said Rand Wilson, an organizer with SEIU Local 888 and labor activist in Somerville. "Somerville doesn't need leadership promoting worn-out 'market-based' solutions. Somerville needs a progressive leader like Marianne Walles."

In her career as a social worker, Walles serves a diverse set of working-class people every day, working with families to assess their struggles, identifying a path to improvement, and



providing support for them to be successful.

A long-time leader in her union, SEIU Local 509, Walles has been very involved in the fight for good-paying jobs in Somerville, affordable housing, and getting billion-dollar non-

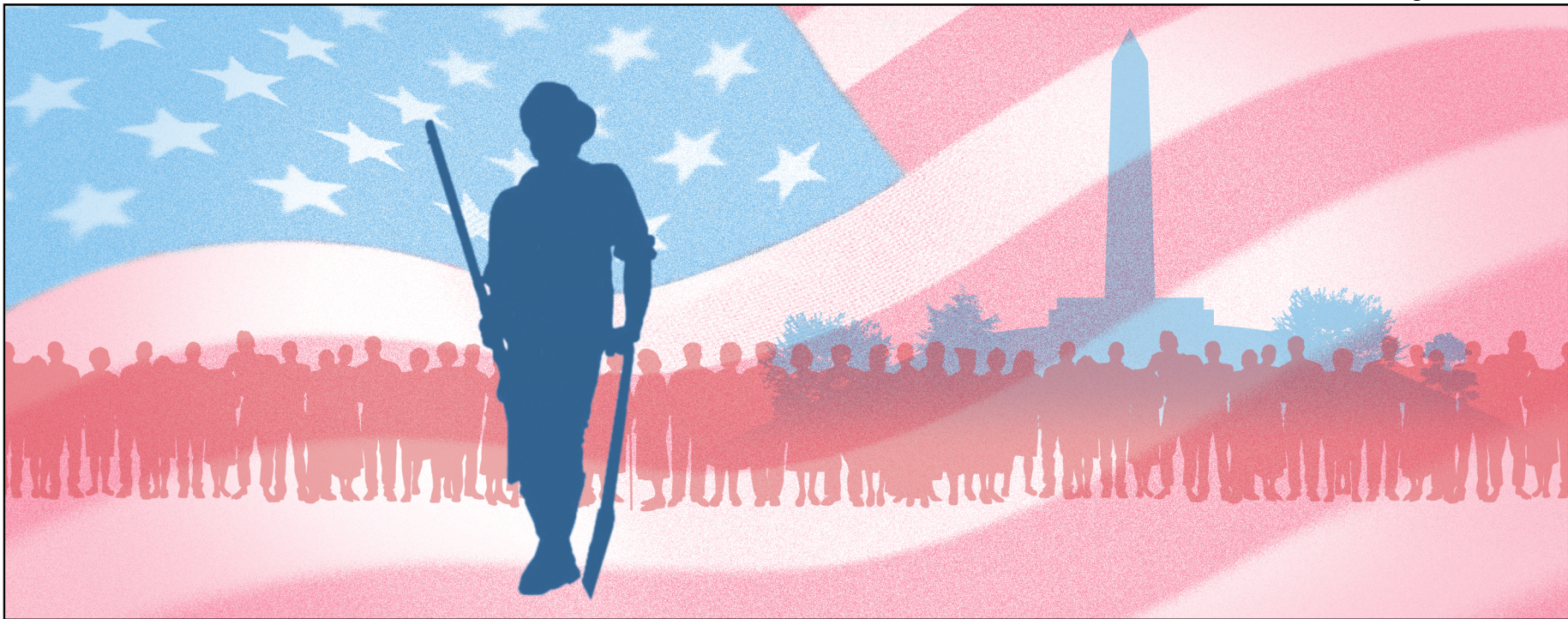
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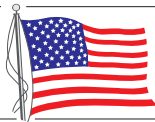
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It is an event in our nation’s history that we have heard about all our lives. That we live in the very heart of this hallowed place is a remarkable gift. In return, we are called upon to pay particular attention to the passage of this special anniversary. The Battle of Bunker Hill – or the Battle of Breed’s Hill, depending on which historian, qualified or not, is speaking – is, as we have all been taught, considered the first significant battle of the Revolutionary War. Although tactically something of a loss for the Colonials, it was in the larger view a strategic victory in that the British forces suffered a relatively large number of casualties, which buoyed the spirits of the revolutionary forces and set into motion events that would change the world forever. Such is our heritage. And so it is our privilege and duty to honor the day by observing the occasion, each in our own special way, by honoring those who so long ago laid down their lives in the pursuit of the freedoms that we so easily enjoy today.

Yes, in this part of the world there are many historical celebrations and special days set aside for remembrance. This one is no less important than any of the others and, perhaps, from a certain point of view, one of the most important. We are lucky to be here. In so many ways. This coming Monday, let us express our gratitude in remembrance.

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in Somerville, where she’s from. We wish Carolyn a great day. Happy birthday to **Suzanne Bremer**, of Prospect Hill. A nice lady who we hope has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to our good friend **Beth Chamberlain**, whose husband’s family is from here. We hope Beth has a great day and enjoys the new addition to her home. Finally, to **Councilor At-Large Stephanie Hirsch**, we hope she has a great day as well. To those that are celebrating this week, and we didn’t post, again we wish you the best of birthdays.

We hear a **big shake up** is coming at the DPW very shortly, some say by the end of the month. We hear that both **the current Commissioner, Stan Koty**, and his **assistant, Richard Willette**, are leaving (or?). We hear that **Steve Mac** will be the new designee from **the mayor**. Normally, shakeups like these happen after an election, but maybe Joe doesn’t care. We hear he’s only planning on one more term and then the seat will be open. Wonder if a deal was made?

Davis Square is in bad shape, with bricks missing and just plain in need of work. Now, you look at **City Hall** and wonder, didn’t **the mayor** have it painted

not too long ago? It looks terrible, peeling and chipped paint. Maybe by using a **brand name paint** next time it might last longer?

Before you know it, **all the streets** will be reduced to one lane for cars (who pay excise tax) and one lane for bikes (who don’t pay an excise tax of any kind). Check out Beacon Street, Broadway, talk about traffic backing up.

Candidates having a **fundraiser** or **campaign kickoff** are invited to let us know and we will mention it here in **Newstalk**. Good luck to all who pulled out papers to run for office. Go online to check out who is running for what office: www.somervillema.gov. We need more candidates.

Mayor Joe Curtatone is having a **campaign kickoff** on **Monday, June 24**, at the **George Dilboy Post**, 351 Summer St. Plenty of parking. You can RSVP **Meredith Moghimi** at Meredith@mlm-strategiesllc.com.

Join **Bill White** and his supporters as he kicks off his **re-election campaign** on **Monday, June 24, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** at **Olde Magoun’s Saloon**, 518

Medford St.

Save the Date! Join in on **Saturday, June 22**, for the re-opening of the **Growing Center**, with a ribbon cutting ceremony with **Mayor Curtatone**, **City Councilors**, and **Community Preservation Committee representatives**. Come celebrate the renovation of this unique urban garden park, made possible by the residents of Somerville through the **Community Preservation Act**. Festivities will include live music and Morris dancing, tours of the newly renovated space, mosaic activities for kids, light refreshments, and gardening activities. The event will take place at **The Growing Center**, 22 Vinal Avenue. For more information, contact **Lisa** at lisa@thegrowingcenter.org.

June is **Elder Abuse Awareness Month**, and for the fifth straight year, the **Cambridge Council on Aging** and **Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services** are marking the occasion by working together to raise awareness on this issue and help connect people with local resources. All are welcome to join in for **Enhancing Wellness: Mental Health and the Impact on your Community**, on **Thursday, June 20**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the **Cam-**

bridge Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue. Free and open to the general public, this event will feature a resource fair, expert-led discussion, and a performance by **True Story Theatre**. For more information about this event, call 617-349-6220 or email spacheco@cambridgema.gov.

Candidate for **Ward 3 School Committee** (open seat) **Sarah Phillips** held her campaign kickoff **last night, June 11**, at **Remnant Brewing** in **Bow Market** in **Union Square**. We are sure many showed up for the event. Sarah spoke of her experience as a parent, teacher and social worker and how that would be used to improve public education. Unfortunately, we were not able to mention it earlier, we were just notified.

The Somerville City Club manager Donny Johnson is looking all the time for new members to join the club, if you think you’d be interested give him a call at 617-623-9340. It’s a great local club for the residents of Somerville, and has been around now for over 40 years, their location on Innerbelt Road. Plenty of parking and a very nice hall for rent, some say the best deal in Somerville. Call and ask for details at 617-623-9340.

Assembly Row's first Silent Disco finds its groove

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would glow in correspondence with the station of the listener's choosing. The music genres ranged from Top 40 (blue), 90's Throwbacks (red) and Pride classics (green), which supplied a plethora of songs for any dancer to groove to.

The disco was catered by The Smokeshop BBQ which offered an exclusive cash bar, multiple options to satisfy anyone's barbeque cravings and an extensive drink list. Capital One, Respond Inc., and Fitness Hub were also stationed at the event, handing out coupons, sunglasses, rainbow pride themed necklaces and bubbles.

Mid-way through the disco, the street was packed with people showing off their dance moves and displaying their support for Respond Inc. and pride with rainbow beads shimmering around their necks.

Assembly Row's first silent disco was a huge success in benefiting New England's first domestic violence agency, Respond Inc. The profits of the event were given to the agency which was pioneered by four women in 1974 in order to provide shelter for those who were suffering from domestic abuse. Now, the trust trained and dedicated volunteers admirably donate their time to raise awareness about domestic violence and extend resources for those who need help. Respond Inc., has provided life-saving shelter, a crisis hotline, support services, training and education for 40 years in the life-long movement to end domestic violence. "Together," they promise, "we can end domestic violence."

If you or a loved one are suffering from domestic violence, RESPOND Inc. is there to help.

Respond Inc.'s 24-hour hotline is (617) 623-5900. Online at www.respondinc.org.





Photos courtesy of Assembly Row at Assembly Square



Somerville Police Department awarded 'Accreditation' status

On June 4, 2019, the Somerville Police Department received state accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

Accreditation is a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession. These carefully selected standards reflect critical areas of police management, operations, and technical support activities. They cover areas such as policy development, emergency response planning, training, communications, property and evidence handling, use of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner transportation and holding facilities. The program not only sets standards for the law enforcement profession, but also for the delivery of police services to citizens of the commonwealth. The Assessment Team found

the Somerville Police Department to be in compliance with all applicable standards for Accreditation.

The Commission offers two program awards: Certification and Accreditation, with Accreditation being the higher of the two. Accreditation has been granted for a period of three years. The Somerville Police Department earned Certification in 2017.

"Achieving Accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is a very significant accomplishment and a recognition highly regarded by the law enforcement community," said Donna Taylor Mooers, the Commission's Executive Director.

Under the leadership of Chief David Fallon, the Somerville Police Department was assessed in April by a team of Commission-appointed assessors. To conduct the initial



self-assessment and prepare for the on-site review of the 345 standards by the Commission, in 2017, Chief Fallon appointed Captain Christopher Ward to serve as the Department's Accreditation Manager.

"Law enforcement accreditation is a badge of honor in the law enforcement profession," said Chief Fallon. "This is one of the best measures of a police department's compliance with its professional law enforcement standards. I am so proud of the men and women of the Somerville Police Department for their dedication to our community, and to the standards of 21st century policing. This acknowledgment is a testament to the character and passion for serving. It's unusual for a department of our size to receive Accreditation, and I could not be more proud that we've achieved this status."

"I want to congratulate Chief Fallon, the current and former Deputy Chiefs, and Captain Ward for their work through this process, and their exemplary leadership and dedication to the City of Somerville. The men and women of the Somerville Police Department, at every rank, are exceptional and truly embrace the tenets of community policing," said Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "In a report released in 2004 by the Somerville Police Advisory Group, chaired by former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, a series of recommendations for SPD included the creation of Standard Operating Procedures, and investing

in equipment and training. This award is a testament to the department's work over the last 15 years, and I'm proud that the City's law enforcement efforts are being recognized."

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission consists of an eleven member Board of Directors. Six members are appointed by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, two by the Coalition of Accreditation Managers of Massachusetts, one by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and one by the Massachusetts Police Association. The eleventh member is left for the Board to elect; that member must be affiliated with an academic institution. According to Mooers, "the Commission's primary role is to establish and administer both the standards and the assessment process by which departments meeting accreditation standards can be publicly recognized for their achievements."

Massachusetts is one of twenty-four states that offer an accreditation process for its police departments.

BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION

The standards for accreditation impact officer and public safety, address high liability/risk management issues, and generally promote operational efficiency throughout the agency. The benefits are therefore many and will vary among participating departments based on the state of the department when it enters the process. In

other words, the benefits will be better known when the department quantifies the changes that it made as a direct result of achieving accreditation. Generally, these changes involve policy writing, facility improvements and equipment purchases. Listed below are some of the more common benefits.

Accreditation:

- + provides a norm for an agency to judge its performance.
- + provides a basis to correct deficiencies before they become public problems.
- + requires agencies to commit policies and procedures to writing.
- + promotes accountability among agency personnel and the evenhanded application of policies.
- + provides a means of independent evaluation of agency operations.
- + minimizes an agency's exposure to liability, builds a stronger defense against lawsuits, and has the potential to reduce liability insurance costs.
- + enhances the reputation of the agency and increases the public's confidence in it.

Mooers added, "Police Certification and Accreditation serve to reassure the general public that the law enforcement profession is trained, prepared and ready to handle routine calls for service including large scale emergencies. Agency preparedness begins with having a current written directive system that incorporates best practices into agency policies and operational plans."

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is another name for the Battle of Bunker Hill?

2. What kind of juice would you find in a Bronx cocktail?

3. Who did Heller Keller dedicate her book to?

4. What kind of food would Bossy in a Bowl be in restaurant terms?

5. What is the national drink of Greece?

6. What doctor is called "the savior of mothers"?

7. What group had the 70's hit *Sylvia's Mother*?

8. What kind of dish is vegetables or seafood deep fried in a light batter?

9. What type of dinosaur's name means "fast thief"?

10. On the TV show *Seinfeld*, what kind of candy was dropped in a patient's body by accident?

11. What city is called "The Biggest Little City in the World"?

12. What day of the week is named after Thor, the Norse god of thunder?

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, June 19, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA, 3rd Floor Community Room.**

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

337 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2016-116-R2-05/19): Applicant BwB – Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit ZBA 2016-116 to revise conditions. NB & CCD 55 zones. Ward 2.

96 Wheatland Street (ZBA 2018-175): Applicant / Owner, Xia Li, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a rear addition and a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 4.

11 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-84): Applicant, John D. Barry, Esq., and Owners, Cheryl A. Hurley and Carl A. Hurley, seek a special permit with site plan review under SZO §7.2 and §7.3 to erect a second principal structure on the lot and to have five dwelling units on the lot. The proposal is to demolish the existing garage structure and erect a new three-unit dwelling in the rear of the site. A special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the existing nonconforming structure by constructing a rear deck and under SZO §9.13 for parking relief is also required. RB Zone. Ward 5.

27 Tufts Street (ZBA 2018-195): Applicants and Owners, Pulin and Katai Wang, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 and §7.11.1.c to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a large addition to the existing structure that will add three dwelling units making it a five-unit dwelling. Parking relief under Article 9 is also required. RC Zone. Ward 1.

126 Pearl Street (ZBA 2019-46): Applicant and Owner, Phellarisimo, LLC, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by performing a complete renovation of the retail façade including new siding, signage, light fixtures, and doors/windows. RB Zone. Ward 1.

76 Wallace Street (ZBA 2019-51): Applicants and Owners, Tim and Ellen Finn, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer within the required right side yard setback. The structure will be converted from a two-family dwelling into a single family dwelling. RA Zone. Ward 6.

23A Bow Street (ZBA 2019-47): Applicant, Sophia P. Ibarra Deschamps / Ibarra Bars, LLC, and Owner, Eddie Giron of Musician Realty Trust, LLC, seek Special Permits under Article 7 of the SZO to establish a bar, Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief, and Article 4 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure. NB zone. Ward 3.

365 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-50): Applicant, Nikhilsh Rao Goruknati, and Property Owenr, Riggins Holdings, LLC, seek special permits to convert from a café use to dentist office. Parking relief under Article 9. Ward 2.


391-395 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-37): Applicant and Owner, Somerville Avenue Trust, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of residential units on the site from seven to 10 by constructing a new, three-family structure on the lot (Article 7). Relief under Section 4.4.1 to further reduce the non-conforming lot area per dwelling unit ratio. Parking relief under Article 9. BA zone. Ward 2.

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

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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10-50 Prospect Street (PB 2019-05): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a Plaza civic space type. TOD100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

20 Prospect Street (PB 2019-06): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a general building and a Special Permit under SZO §6.8.10.A.4 to authorize a principal entrance for ground floor residential uses oriented toward a side lot line. TOD 100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

50 Prospect Street (PB 2019-07): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a mid-rise podium tower building and a Special Permit under SZO §6.8.10.A.5 to authorize a 5% increase to the dimensions permitted for the point tower of the building. TOD 100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

337 Somerville Avenue (PB 2016-09-R1-3/19): Applicant BwB – Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit 2016-116 to revise conditions. NB & CCD 55 zones. Ward 2.

300 Somerville Avenue PB 2018-21 (re-advertise): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 300 Somerville Avenue, LLC, seek Special Permits, Special Permit with Design Review and Special Permit with Site Plan Review to convert an existing church structure to 10 residential units with first floor commercial through the internal re-configuration of existing space and construction of additions/ Gross Floor Area. Relief under SZO §4.4.1, 7.11, Article 9 and Article 13. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.


60 Cross Street East/240 Mystic Avenue/771 McGrath Highway (PB 2014-31-R1-5/19): Applicant Anthony D. Galluccio and owner Young Lee are filing to revise facades from the original plans approved by PB 2014-31. Original approval was to construct an approx. 107,597 sf 3-story residential building with 75 units and approx. 100 parking spaces located under the structure. No other revisions or changes requested. Zone BA / PUD-B Ward 1.

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman
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S.H.A. Job No. P-WIN2-062019

The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids from contractors for **SHA job # P-WIN2-062019** to furnish, install, and repair blinds and shades as needed, in various State and Federally Funded housing developments at various locations throughout Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The Project consists of Furnishing, installing, and/or repairing of Shades and Window Blinds as needed.

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Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. on June 26, 2019 and publicly opened, forthwith at Somerville Housing Authority's, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.


Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, Reception, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M., on June 12, 2019, or you may download them from our web site www.sha-web.org, under our Bid Opportunities tab. If downloaded, you must register with Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org and provide contact information, including Company Name, Contact person's, email and phone number to receive changes, or updates. You will receive a reply to your email confirming reception.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit or bid bond that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified. SHA is not responsible for lost or late bids. A site visit is scheduled 9:00 a.m. on June 19, 2019. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is required. Please email Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org if you are attending.

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Sealed proposals will be received until **Wednesday June 26th at 2:00pm.** Late proposals will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

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There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Finance on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 6:00 PM,** in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Finance Committee Chairman William White, Jr., for public input on the proposed FY 2020 budget.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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City of Somerville
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION will hold a PUBLIC MEETING on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to review a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by CW Layton Consultants on behalf of applicant Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The applicant proposes to perform vegetation management within the MBTA's right of way, in accordance with the MBTA's Vegetation Management Plan. Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Contact Malik Drayton, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2514 for more information.

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Arts, Culture, and
Local Business in
Ball Square

Join the Somerville Arts Council and the Somerville Flea on Saturday, June 15, for a perfect summer day while supporting local businesses and artists in Ball Square. The annual Joe's Jazz & Blue's Festival will kick off that day from noon to 6:00 p.m., followed by the Somerville Arts Council's Night Market from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival is a free, all-day, outdoor event in beautiful Powderhouse Park (Nathan Tufts Park). The Somerville High School Jazz Band will kick off the concert at noon, getting the crowd going with sounds ranging from American Jazz to Delta Blues. After the festival, grab a bite to eat at one of the many delicious restaurants in Ball Square. From 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. enjoy a nighttime artisan and vintage market accompanied by live music by local artists, a beer garden sponsored by The Pub, and more. Enjoy a tasting at Ball Square Fine Wines, meet kittens up for adoption at Stinky's, and learn more about the offerings at Amal Niccoli Salon and other local businesses. The Night Market is produced in partnership with the Somerville Flea.

For more information, visit www.somervillartscouncil.org. With questions contact Special Events Manager Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998 neichner@somervillema.gov.

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Adult Family Care earns highest
NCQA Accreditation rating

A Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) program that specializes in supporting family caregivers recently earned the highest accreditation rating from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

SCES received a three-year Case Management Accreditation from NCQA for the Adult Family Care (AFC) program in May. The three-year accreditation is the highest rating for that category, given by NCQA to programs "that demonstrate strong performance of the functions outlined in the standards for Case Management accreditation."

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. AFC Director Jeanne Leyden described the accreditation as an important validation of the program's track record of helping friends and family provide the best care, at home.

"We pursued the NCQA accreditation because we know their standards are high, and we were confident that we would measure up," said Leyden. "It is really great to get this affirmation from such a prestigious organization."

NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care.

NCQA Accreditation standards are developed with input from researchers in the field, the Case Management Expert Panel, and standing committees, employers, purchasers and operators of Case Management programs, state and federal regulators, and other experts.

In describing the accreditation, NCQA states that the standards are purposely set high to encourage organizations to continuously enhance their quality.

"Case Management Accreditation moves us closer to measuring quality across population health management initiatives," said Margaret E. O'Kane, President, NCQA. "Not only does it add value to existing quality improvement efforts; it also demonstrates an organization's commitment to the highest degree of improving the quality of their patients' care."

The AFC program helps older adults and people with disabilities receive assistance through live-in caregivers. Each participant lives with a caregiver, who is responsible for meeting that person's daily needs. In return the caregiver receives a tax-free stipend, two weeks paid time off annually, and ongoing support and training through registered nurses and social workers.

SCES is a private non-profit organization, dedicated to helping older adults and people with disabilities live in the setting of their choice. SCES Executive Director Paul Hollings described AFC as an im-



portant part of that mission, which provides an alternative to nursing home placements by supporting family caregivers.

"The Adult Family Care team delivers crucial assistance every day, providing caring and conscientious support for family caregivers across the Greater Boston Area," said Hollings. "We are thrilled to see their hard work and high standards recognized with this accreditation."

Adult Family Care is a regional program of SCES that provides training and compensation for family caregivers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

NCQA's website (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices. NCQA can be found online at ncqa.org, on Twitter @ncqa, on Facebook at [facebook.com/NCQA](https://www.facebook.com/NCQA), or/ and on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/ncqa](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ncqa).

Documentary on the opioid epidemic to premiere

The City of Somerville, in partnership with the Somerville Media Center (SMC), has announced the release of a short documentary entitled From My Heart to Yours.

"From My Heart to Yours provides an intimate look at how the availability and use of opioids have impacted the lives of many individuals, especially here locally," said Somerville's Prevention Services Manager Matthew Mitchell. "It offers an opportunity for folks to see how the City of Somerville is working to stamp out stigma and support individuals in recovery as well as their families/friends and the community as a whole."

The public is invited to the premiere screening of From My Heart to Yours on Wednesday, July 31 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at VOX POP, 431 Artisan Way, Assembly Row.

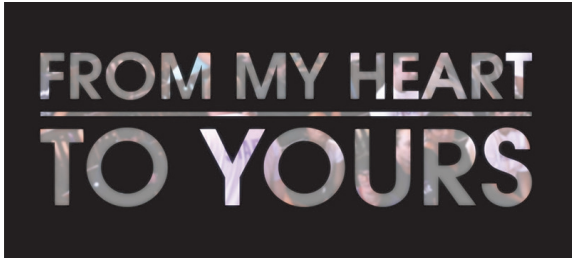
From My Heart to Yours is the result of a collaboration between the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department and the Somerville Media Center, a non-profit community media arts organization that is the oldest media access center in Massachusetts.

"It has been our mission as an organization for nearly forty years to share the stories often unheard or not represented in mainstream media with our community through educational videos," adds Erica Jones, Director of Institutional Advancement at Somerville Media Center. "The opioid epidemic is one that hits home for many people and to be able to try to convey the stories of those who were at their most vulnerable state and their journey to recovery was an incredibly powerful and moving experience for our team."

Both organizations plan to determine ways to best incorporate this educational video into city trainings and offer it as a community resource.

Additional screenings will be announced soon.

For more information, please contact Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2570 or mmitchell@somervillema.gov.



VILLENS ON THE TOWN

CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|June 12

East Branch Library
Preschool Story Time
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broad-
way

VOX Pop
Pajama Storytime! at VOX Pop
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|431 Artisan
Way, Assembly Row

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

Thursday|June 13

Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 3 to
5-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders)
Meeting
3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Friday|June 14

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

Tuesday|June 18

Somerville Community Baptist
Church
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College
Ave

Wednesday|June 19

Central Library
Somerville High School Anime
Club
12 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|June 12

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

The Burren
Front Room:Americana Session
with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom: Dana Lyn & Kyle San-
na: "The Coral Suite"|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10
p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The A-Beez
10 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

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

Once Somerville
Possum
Therese Bellino and Dave
Fredette, Martin, Morell, and
Fredette
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Adult Lunchbox
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 13

Sally O’Brien’s
Meghan Chiampa presents A
Touch of Schmilsson with The
Grownup Noise, Steve Wal-
ther Orchestra, Petaluma Vale,

Christopher Parlon, Nick Zaino,
Jonathan Donaldson - \$8 cover
9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-
666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:Americana Session
with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge &
Company |7 p.m.
Back Room: Magen Trracy &
The Missed Connections (Album
Release) featuting Naomi West-
water|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.

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

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

Thunder Road
Kronology 002: featuring MBX,
Kairo5, and Hausman
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Sensoria
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Mac-
beth
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Pub Sing
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|June 14

Sally O’Brien’s
Bucky Bear & The Bearly Seen|6
p.m.
Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present
Pineapple Jam, Fiesta Melon -
\$10 cover|9pm
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room: Irish Session|9:30
p.m.
Backroom: Prateek with special
guest Kaiti Jones|7 p.m.
Pop Disaster| 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville
Fuzztival 2019
6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s
Mythical Beasts
9:30 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
DJ McRiddleton
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Casey’s
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Brass Friday: Emperor Norton's
Stationary Marching Band|6:30
p.m.
Brass Friday: Brasskill|8:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Mac-
beth|7 p.m.
Dreamland Silent Disco|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

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

Saturday|June 15

Sally O’Brien’s
One Thin Dime|6 p.m.

The Daylilies, Justine & The Un-
clean, The Chelsea Curve - \$10
cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2
p.m.Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Ir-
ish Session|2 p.m.
Back Room: NEIHO - New En-
gland Irish Harp Orchestra|7p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe’s
10 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

Casey’s
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
Space Force performing two sets
of Pink Floyd heavy hitters!
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Fuzztival 2019
6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Hats
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Rick and Friends
10 a.m.|Café
Blood, Sweat, and Baby: Life
After Orgasm
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Mac-
beth|7 p.m.
Total Loss|9 p.m.
255 Elm St

Union Tavern
Rockwood Band/The Concerns/
Tomorrowland Transit Authority
9 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Sunday|June 16

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Brunch with the Roundtable
Acoustic Series|11 a.m.
The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo and
guests|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room: John Gannon &
Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman
& Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9
p.m.
Backroom: 24 Hour Music and
Susan Cattaneo Present Rod Ab-
ernethy and Ian Flanigan|4 p.m.
Western Centuries|Cousin Bobby|
7 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country &
Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Baroness: Independent Store
Acoustic Performance Tour|2
p.m.
Celebutant|7 p.m.
We Can All Be Sorry

Poor Eliza
156 Highland Ave
Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Kevin Klein
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday|June 17

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Com-
edy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy
Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45
p.m., Run, Helena Delaney &
Friends|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: Irish Session with
Frank Horrigan|6 p.m.
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m.
Face First|8 p.m.
Garroted
Waelmist
Matriphagy
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
14 Tyler Street

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

Tuesday|June 18

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-
666-3589

The Burren
Front Room: Jason Anick & The
Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room: Camp Kangaroo
Benefit Concert|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Ghetto People Band
10 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-
ing Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of
Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Earth
Helms Alee
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|June 19

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

The Burren
Front Room:Americana Session
with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom: High Time|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10
p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The A-Beez
10 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

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

Once Somerville
The Dangerous Summer
Have Mercy, Modern Chemistry,
Valleyheart
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Seth Gooby
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|June 12

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Boston Guitar Orchestra
5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Thursday|June 13

Ciampa Manor
Learn English with the Library!
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

Central Library
Yoga at the Library
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

VOX Pop
Making a Mystery Improv at VOX
Pop
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.|431 Artisan
Way, Assembly Row
Making a Mystery Improv at VOX
Pop

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

Saturday|June 15

Union Square Farmers Market
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square
Plaza

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

Sunday|June 16

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

Tuesday|June 18

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

VOX POP
Lunch and Learn Workshop with
SMC
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|431 Artisan Way,
Assembly Row

Aeronaut Brewing Company
Books & Brews Book Club
6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St

Wednesday|June 19

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)
Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688
TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health Study – Are you starting to have problems with your memory or have trouble climbing stairs? Engage B might be right for you! 24 week study for people 60 to 89 years of age. Call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at ckowaleski@Somervillema.gov for questions and additional information.

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Classes – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays – Ralph & Jenny Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Monthly Book Club Selections – Meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Country Western Line Dancing – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

BBQ Holland Street – Thursday, June 13 starting at 10:00 a.m. 167 Holland Street. Join us for BBQ of hot dogs & hamburgers and Bingo too. Please call Josie or Vivian to RSVP at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Finances 50+ Workshop – Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This workshop was designed to help you make and keep smart money habits. A light dinner to follow. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call Josie or Vivian at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movie Day Monday – July 15 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Instant Family starring Mark Wahlberg. Lunch and Bingo to follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, June 18 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at 12:00 p.m. Somerville Theatre - \$1 per person paid to the theater. Refreshment stand will be open so you may purchase snacks on your own. This month’s movie is Ocean’s 8. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call Josie or Vivian at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Arts & Crafts with Judy – Wednesday, June 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Bingo and lunch will follow. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to sign up.

Afternoon at the Theatre – Mame – Thursday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. \$35 per person. First come – first serve, space is limited, no refunds. Check in time is 12:30 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Payment due at time of reservation. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Movie Day Wednesday – June 26 starting at 10:30 a.m. Book Club starring Jane Fonda. Lunch and Bingo to

follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Afternoon at the Theatre – The Sound of Music – Thursday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. \$33 per person. First come – first serve, space is limited, no refunds. Check in time is 12:30 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Payment due at time of reservation. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Atlantic City Boys – Wednesday, September 18 at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (Please cut out and save)

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

Tuesday:
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)
\$3 per class (H)
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)
Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

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

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

Fridays:
Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details
**All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration*

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Conversations of the Heart – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. If you are interested in joining, have any ques-

tions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

De-cluttering support group - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Memory Café – Meets the second Thursday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A welcoming place for people with forgetfulness and their family and friends to share a meal and create new memories. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Mens Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men’s group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. If you are interested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Game Hour – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a “Game Hour.” Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Register for OPENAIR Circus summer classes



You don't have to run away to join the OPENAIR Circus this summer. The classes for children include stilting, many forms of juggling, unicycling, hula hoops, and commedia dell'arte. For children as young as 3, there are Tiny Tot Trio and Tumbling for Two. Most classes are for older children and teens, and adult students join in every year.

OPENAIR is a Somerville-based non-profit that for 34 years has been teaching circus arts, mostly in the summer, though it often teaches stilting in Somerville street festivals. Registration cost is low: \$20/child or \$30/family for the 6-week program. Students can take up to nine classes, depending on their interests and ages. See www.openaircircus.org for more details and the class schedule.

Classes meet for one hour per week, Tuesday through Thursday, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Somerville parks. They begin June 25 and run through July 25. Online registration is now open. Or you can register in-person. The program culminates in performances under the big top at Nunziato Field near Union Square, the weekend of August 2.

OPENAIR Circus invites all to its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 22 from 9:30 –11 a.m. at 67 Dane St. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to the OPENAIR Circus to meet others in the community and learn about the program and what to expect. It's also a great opportunity for those who have taken part in the program in the past to reconnect while eating delicious food made by one of our board members. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, veggie patties, coffee and O.J. The event will be outdoors with both table and lawn space available (feel free to bring a blanket to sit on).



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Community Journalism 101 Workshop

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Register here: <https://www.somervillemedia.org/communityjournalism101/>

Community Journalism 101 is a series of free, low-barrier journalism workshops, open to community members of Somerville. These workshops are run by Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism (BINJ), in partnership with Somerville Media Center. Participants will learn how to interview people, do background research, write in basic Associated Press style, and cover a range of issues. At the end, we aim to host a network of community journalists and reporters who can work closely on BINJ and SMC content, as well as being able to access other opportunities.

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Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Dennis Daly

Living well demands a nobility of style, opportunity, ability and daring. Dying well demands a good sense of self, stoicism, and a lot of luck. Very few mortals, unfortunately, achieve both estimable objectives. Stephen Ramey Glines, in his first novel, *Poplar Hill*, chronicles the life of one rather eccentric woman named Kitty Stevenson, who, with finesse and karma to spare, attains each of these aspirations.

Kitty, the scion of a once prosperous New York society family fallen on hard times, exudes a sense of royalty and command. She is one of those characters who centers herself in any context and watches with wry satisfaction as the world adjusts. Pictou County in rural Nova Scotia provides the setting for most of these adjustments.

Glines' quasi-fictional (Kitty was a real person) account of this singular woman divides into two tracks: her end-of-life adventures in Pictou County, and her stories of personal exploits in the "cabaret atmosphere" of pre-war Nazi Germany. This counterpoint technique adds wonderful depth to both the emotional and historic sides of the building chronical.

Right off the bat Glines draws the reader in with the unconventional celebration of his protagonist's wake, orchestrated and managed by that same protagonist, the very much alive Kitty Stevenson. He accomplishes this effectively in a seductive Prologue. Kitty's celebration of her upcoming passing is suitably covered by Canadian TV and catered by the local Oddfellows Retirement Home. Appropriately, the cooks from the retirement home are students of Kitty, who, it turns out, is one of only six master chefs in all of Canada.

Among the end-of-life scenes constructed by Glines, the January ice storm, which opens the book proper stands out with memoriorous authenticity and gut-wrenching detail. Here is a comical section of that scene, which mixes in marvelous local flavor with anxiety, in between power outages and shortly after Kitty's heart attack,

...To Kitty's surprise, she heard a dial tone. As she was about to dial Earl's phone number, she heard the pounding, thud, thud, thud, on her back door.

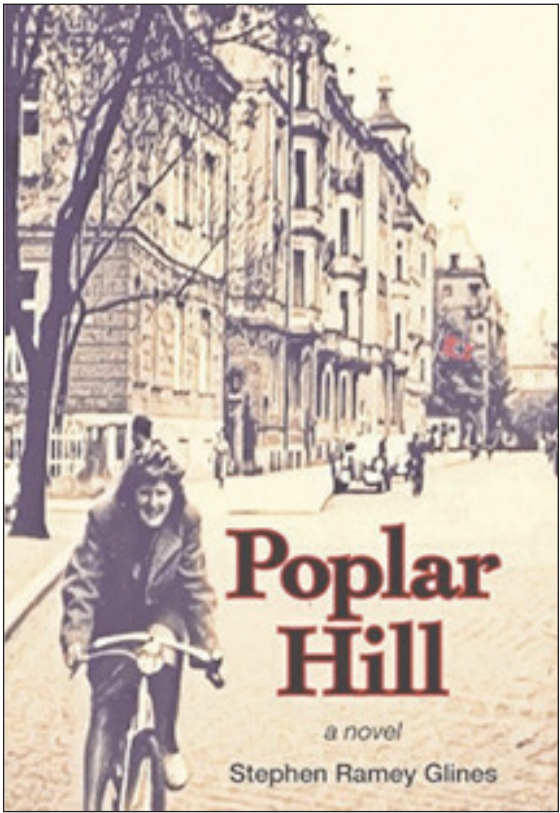
"Hello Missy," roared the voice. It was Earl, crashing through the door.

"Hello yourself. Barb got a hold of you I see."

"Oh yes Missy, she said you were feeling poorly, and that I should check on you. Are you all right? It's still icing out, must be an inch or three all over everything; probably lost most of me orchard. The roads are bad enough, and me truck's in the ditch so I can't take you no place but I see you have plenty of food. That's good. I bought you some milk, Missy. I'll put it right here. You shouldn't open the refrigerator when the power is out ya know. The lights should be back on in a bit. It's cold in here. It's a pity you sold off that beautiful wood stove. How much did you sell her for, Missy? Would you like your quilt?"

In the country everyone knows a character like Earl.

Glines, following his protagonist's physical decline, switches back and forth onto his second narrative track, Kitty's resurrected memories of pathos, danger, and murder. During the late 1930s she studied opera



in Munich Germany. Her family still had some money but it was tied up in German investments and those German marks could not be exported. Kitty's job was to spenwd the money in intellectually stimulating Munich and freewheeling Berlin. Every teenager's dream ... except for the looming catastrophe of Adolph Hitler and the Nazis.

Timing is everything and much of the story's tension revolves around Kitty and her expat American friends as they plot their eventual escape before war breaks out. Leaving Germany at that time often involved complicated machinations beyond the scope of the American Consulate – especially after the devastation of Kristallnacht. It doesn't help that Kitty and her crowd frequent Café Heck, a hangout that also accommodates the likes of Hitler and Hermann Goering.

Glines' technique often contrasts the utter seriousness of those dark times with youth's lightheartedness and recklessness. Here Kitty describes the group's amateurish, but well-meant preparation to photograph a concentration camp,

...We rode out from the 'English Garden' single file with Joe leading the way; I was right behind him with Sam behind me. Kozie brought up the rear. The plan was to ride out to the Dachau camp then ride by on the access road while I photographed it with the camera Joe had given me. If there was any trouble, I was to toss the camera over my shoulder and keep riding if possible...

... the pack was supposed to split into four groups, each pedaling down a different road.

Unexpected success sometimes rewards recklessness and Glines' narrative takes that plausible turn.

Kitty's growth as a woman and her growing horror at Nazi atrocities, Glines ties to the plight of a Jewish bookseller and his family unable to get out, but still trying to survive the insanity. They are personal friends of Kitty. Add to the plot's intrigue an SS officer, who has infiltrated their group of friends and the stage is set, inexorably, for violence.

In the book's denouement Kitty finishes her hitherto untold story with flourish, then, showing off a bit of classical knowledge, comments on Plato's description of Socrates' leg numbness as he died. She now notices the same phenomenon in herself. Having bequeathed her body to science, Kitty fades quickly. She dies. The book ends. But the usefulness of this well-lived life, fictional or not, continues.

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

James B. Nicola's poems have appeared in the *Antioch*, *Southwest and Atlanta Reviews*; *Rattle*; *Tar River*; and *Poetry East*. His full-length collections are *Manhattan Plaza* (2014), *Stage to Page* (2016), *Wind in the Cave* (2017), *Out of Nothing: Poems of Art and Artists* (2018), and *Quickening: Poems from Before and Beyond* (2019). His nonfiction book *Playing the Audience* won a Choice award. His poetry has received a Dana Literary Award, two Willow Review awards, and six Pushcart Prize nominations – from *Shot Glass Journal*, *Parody*, *Ovunque Siamo*, *Lowestoft Chronicle*, and twice from *Trinacria* – for which he feels both stunned and grateful.



Fernando

The frog escaped,
my brother reported to me.
Why did he use that word, escaped,
and why did he smile? (The snake.)
He wanted to find a mate, a home.
This was his home, I bleated, all the food
and rocks and water he'd ever need or want!

How do you know? I told him how.
Oh, you speak Frog? Of course.
Fernando taught me. Fernando is my friend!
Why keep him in jail then? Jail? Ha! To him this is heaven!

The truth was clear and simple when I was seven.

Today, that brother admitted
over pumpkin pie, shielded by a stomach,
that he was the one who'd set Fernando free.
He smirked behind a serpent-shaped tattoo.
From what, I inquired, aghast. He burped, *From you*.

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Assembly Row's first Silent Disco finds its groove

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would glow in correspondence with the station of the listener's choosing. The music genres ranged from Top 40 (blue), 90's Throwbacks (red) and Pride classics (green), which supplied a plethora of songs for any dancer to groove to.

The disco was catered by The Smokeshop BBQ which offered an exclusive cash bar, multiple options to satisfy anyone's barbeque cravings and an extensive drink list. Capital One, Respond Inc., and Fitness Hub were also stationed at the event, handing out coupons, sunglasses, rainbow pride themed necklaces and bubbles.

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Somerville Police Department awarded 'Accreditation' status

On June 4, 2019, the Somerville Police Department received state accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

Accreditation is a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession. These carefully selected standards reflect critical areas of police management, operations, and technical support activities. They cover areas such as policy development, emergency response planning, training, communications, property and evidence handling, use of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner transportation and holding facilities. The program not only sets standards for the law enforcement profession, but also for the delivery of police services to citizens of the commonwealth. The Assessment Team found

the Somerville Police Department to be in compliance with all applicable standards for Accreditation.

The Commission offers two program awards: Certification and Accreditation, with Accreditation being the higher of the two. Accreditation has been granted for a period of three years. The Somerville Police Department earned Certification in 2017.

"Achieving Accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is a very significant accomplishment and a recognition highly regarded by the law enforcement community," said Donna Taylor Mooers, the Commission's Executive Director.

Under the leadership of Chief David Fallon, the Somerville Police Department was assessed in April by a team of Commission-appointed assessors. To conduct the initial



self-assessment and prepare for the on-site review of the 345 standards by the Commission, in 2017, Chief Fallon appointed Captain Christopher Ward to serve as the Department's Accreditation Manager.

"Law enforcement accreditation is a badge of honor in the law enforcement profession," said Chief Fallon. "This is one of the best measures of a police department's compliance with its professional law enforcement standards. I am so proud of the men and women of the Somerville Police Department for their dedication to our community, and to the standards of 21st century policing. This acknowledgment is a testament to the character and passion for serving. It's unusual for a department of our size to receive Accreditation, and I could not be more proud that we've achieved this status."

"I want to congratulate Chief Fallon, the current and former Deputy Chiefs, and Captain Ward for their work through this process, and their exemplary leadership and dedication to the City of Somerville. The men and women of the Somerville Police Department, at every rank, are exceptional and truly embrace the tenets of community policing," said Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "In a report released in 2004 by the Somerville Police Advisory Group, chaired by former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, a series of recommendations for SPD included the creation of Standard Operating Procedures, and investing

in equipment and training. This award is a testament to the department's work over the last 15 years, and I'm proud that the City's law enforcement efforts are being recognized."

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission consists of an eleven member Board of Directors. Six members are appointed by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, two by the Coalition of Accreditation Managers of Massachusetts, one by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and one by the Massachusetts Police Association. The eleventh member is left for the Board to elect; that member must be affiliated with an academic institution. According to Mooers, "the Commission's primary role is to establish and administer both the standards and the assessment process by which departments meeting accreditation standards can be publicly recognized for their achievements."

Massachusetts is one of twenty-four states that offer an accreditation process for its police departments.

BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION

The standards for accreditation impact officer and public safety, address high liability/risk management issues, and generally promote operational efficiency throughout the agency. The benefits are therefore many and will vary among participating departments based on the state of the department when it enters the process. In

other words, the benefits will be better known when the department quantifies the changes that it made as a direct result of achieving accreditation. Generally, these changes involve policy writing, facility improvements and equipment purchases. Listed below are some of the more common benefits.

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- + provides a norm for an agency to judge its performance.
- + provides a basis to correct deficiencies before they become public problems.
- + requires agencies to commit policies and procedures to writing.
- + promotes accountability among agency personnel and the evenhanded application of policies.
- + provides a means of independent evaluation of agency operations.
- + minimizes an agency's exposure to liability, builds a stronger defense against lawsuits, and has the potential to reduce liability insurance costs.
- + enhances the reputation of the agency and increases the public's confidence in it.

Mooers added, "Police Certification and Accreditation serve to reassure the general public that the law enforcement profession is trained, prepared and ready to handle routine calls for service including large scale emergencies. Agency preparedness begins with having a current written directive system that incorporates best practices into agency policies and operational plans."

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is another name for the Battle of Bunker Hill?

2. What kind of juice would you find in a Bronx cocktail?

3. Who did Heller Keller dedicate her book to?

4. What kind of food would Bossy in a Bowl be in restaurant terms?

5. What is the national drink of Greece?

6. What doctor is called "the savior of mothers"?

7. What group had the 70's hit *Sylvia's Mother*?

8. What kind of dish is vegetables or seafood deep fried in a light batter?

9. What type of dinosaur's name means "fast thief"?

10. On the TV show *Seinfeld*, what kind of candy was dropped in a patient's body by accident?

11. What city is called "The Biggest Little City in the World"?

12. What day of the week is named after Thor, the Norse god of thunder?

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, June 19, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA, 3rd Floor Community Room.**

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

337 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2016-116-R2-05/19): Applicant BwB – Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit ZBA 2016-116 to revise conditions. NB & CCD 55 zones. Ward 2.

96 Wheatland Street (ZBA 2018-175): Applicant / Owner, Xia Li, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a rear addition and a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 4.

11 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-84): Applicant, John D. Barry, Esq., and Owners, Cheryl A. Hurley and Carl A. Hurley, seek a special permit with site plan review under SZO §7.2 and §7.3 to erect a second principal structure on the lot and to have five dwelling units on the lot. The proposal is to demolish the existing garage structure and erect a new three-unit dwelling in the rear of the site. A special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the existing nonconforming structure by constructing a rear deck and under SZO §9.13 for parking relief is also required. RB Zone. Ward 5.

27 Tufts Street (ZBA 2018-195): Applicants and Owners, Pulin and Katai Wang, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 and §7.11.1.c to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a large addition to the existing structure that will add three dwelling units making it a five-unit dwelling. Parking relief under Article 9 is also required. RC Zone. Ward 1.

126 Pearl Street (ZBA 2019-46): Applicant and Owner, Phellarisimo, LLC, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by performing a complete renovation of the retail façade including new siding, signage, light fixtures, and doors/windows. RB Zone. Ward 1.

76 Wallace Street (ZBA 2019-51): Applicants and Owners, Tim and Ellen Finn, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer within the required right side yard setback. The structure will be converted from a two-family dwelling into a single family dwelling. RA Zone. Ward 6.

23A Bow Street (ZBA 2019-47): Applicant, Sophia P. Ibarra Deschamps / Ibarra Bars, LLC, and Owner, Eddie Giron of Musician Realty Trust, LLC, seek Special Permits under Article 7 of the SZO to establish a bar, Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief, and Article 4 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure. NB zone. Ward 3.

365 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-50): Applicant, Nikhilsh Rao Goruknati, and Property Owenr, Riggins Holdings, LLC, seek special permits to convert from a café use to dentist office. Parking relief under Article 9. Ward 2.


391-395 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-37): Applicant and Owner, Somerville Avenue Trust, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of residential units on the site from seven to 10 by constructing a new, three-family structure on the lot (Article 7). Relief under Section 4.4.1 to further reduce the non-conforming lot area per dwelling unit ratio. Parking relief under Article 9. BA zone. Ward 2.

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

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director
As published in The Somerville Times on 6/5/19 & 6/12/19

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Planning Board** on **Thursday, June 20, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 3rd Floor Community Room.**

10-50 Prospect Street (PB 2019-05): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a Plaza civic space type. TOD100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

20 Prospect Street (PB 2019-06): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a general building and a Special Permit under SZO §6.8.10.A.4 to authorize a principal entrance for ground floor residential uses oriented toward a side lot line. TOD 100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

50 Prospect Street (PB 2019-07): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a mid-rise podium tower building and a Special Permit under SZO §6.8.10.A.5 to authorize a 5% increase to the dimensions permitted for the point tower of the building. TOD 100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

337 Somerville Avenue (PB 2016-09-R1-3/19): Applicant BwB – Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit 2016-116 to revise conditions. NB & CCD 55 zones. Ward 2.

300 Somerville Avenue PB 2018-21 (re-advertise): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 300 Somerville Avenue, LLC, seek Special Permits, Special Permit with Design Review and Special Permit with Site Plan Review to convert an existing church structure to 10 residential units with first floor commercial through the internal re-configuration of existing space and construction of additions/ Gross Floor Area. Relief under SZO §4.4.1, 7.11, Article 9 and Article 13. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.


60 Cross Street East/240 Mystic Avenue/771 McGrath Highway (PB 2014-31-R1-5/19): Applicant Anthony D. Galluccio and owner Young Lee are filing to revise facades from the original plans approved by PB 2014-31. Original approval was to construct an approx. 107,597 sf 3-story residential building with 75 units and approx. 100 parking spaces located under the structure. No other revisions or changes requested. Zone BA / PUD-B Ward 1.

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman
As published in The Somerville Times on 6/5/19 and 6/12/19

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S.H.A. Job No. P-WIN2-062019

The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids from contractors for **SHA job # P-WIN2-062019** to furnish, install, and repair blinds and shades as needed, in various State and Federally Funded housing developments at various locations throughout Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The Project consists of Furnishing, installing, and/or repairing of Shades and Window Blinds as needed.

The work is estimated to cost **\$95,000.00**

This is a Three-year contract

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. on June 26, 2019 and publicly opened, forthwith at Somerville Housing Authority's, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.


Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, Reception, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M., on June 12, 2019, or you may download them from our web site www.sha-web.org, under our Bid Opportunities tab. If downloaded, you must register with Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org and provide contact information, including Company Name, Contact person's, email and phone number to receive changes, or updates. You will receive a reply to your email confirming reception.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit or bid bond that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified. SHA is not responsible for lost or late bids. A site visit is scheduled 9:00 a.m. on June 19, 2019. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is required. Please email Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org if you are attending.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFQ 19-82

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

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy Consulting Services – Phase 2

Bid packages for may be obtained online at <https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Monday June 10th, 2019.**


Sealed proposals will be received until **Wednesday June 26th at 2:00pm.** Late proposals will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

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There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Finance on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 6:00 PM,** in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Finance Committee Chairman William White, Jr., for public input on the proposed FY 2020 budget.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

**JOHN J. LONG
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City of Somerville
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION will hold a PUBLIC MEETING on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to review a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by CW Layton Consultants on behalf of applicant Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The applicant proposes to perform vegetation management within the MBTA's right of way, in accordance with the MBTA's Vegetation Management Plan. Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Contact Malik Drayton, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2514 for more information.

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Arts, Culture, and
Local Business in
Ball Square

Join the Somerville Arts Council and the Somerville Flea on Saturday, June 15, for a perfect summer day while supporting local businesses and artists in Ball Square. The annual Joe's Jazz & Blue's Festival will kick off that day from noon to 6:00 p.m., followed by the Somerville Arts Council's Night Market from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival is a free, all-day, outdoor event in beautiful Powderhouse Park (Nathan Tufts Park). The Somerville High School Jazz Band will kick off the concert at noon, getting the crowd going with sounds ranging from American Jazz to Delta Blues. After the festival, grab a bite to eat at one of the many delicious restaurants in Ball Square. From 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. enjoy a nighttime artisan and vintage market accompanied by live music by local artists, a beer garden sponsored by The Pub, and more. Enjoy a tasting at Ball Square Fine Wines, meet kittens up for adoption at Stinky's, and learn more about the offerings at Amal Niccoli Salon and other local businesses. The Night Market is produced in partnership with the Somerville Flea.

For more information, visit www.somervillartscouncil.org. With questions contact Special Events Manager Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998 neichner@somervillema.gov.

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Adult Family Care earns highest
NCQA Accreditation rating

A Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) program that specializes in supporting family caregivers recently earned the highest accreditation rating from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

SCES received a three-year Case Management Accreditation from NCQA for the Adult Family Care (AFC) program in May. The three-year accreditation is the highest rating for that category, given by NCQA to programs "that demonstrate strong performance of the functions outlined in the standards for Case Management accreditation."

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. AFC Director Jeanne Leyden described the accreditation as an important validation of the program's track record of helping friends and family provide the best care, at home.

"We pursued the NCQA accreditation because we know their standards are high, and we were confident that we would measure up," said Leyden. "It is really great to get this affirmation from such a prestigious organization."

NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care.

NCQA Accreditation standards are developed with input from researchers in the field, the Case Management Expert Panel, and standing committees, employers, purchasers and operators of Case Management programs, state and federal regulators, and other experts.

In describing the accreditation, NCQA states that the standards are purposely set high to encourage organizations to continuously enhance their quality.

"Case Management Accreditation moves us closer to measuring quality across population health management initiatives," said Margaret E. O'Kane, President, NCQA. "Not only does it add value to existing quality improvement efforts; it also demonstrates an organization's commitment to the highest degree of improving the quality of their patients' care."

The AFC program helps older adults and people with disabilities receive assistance through live-in caregivers. Each participant lives with a caregiver, who is responsible for meeting that person's daily needs. In return the caregiver receives a tax-free stipend, two weeks paid time off annually, and ongoing support and training through registered nurses and social workers.

SCES is a private non-profit organization, dedicated to helping older adults and people with disabilities live in the setting of their choice. SCES Executive Director Paul Hollings described AFC as an im-



portant part of that mission, which provides an alternative to nursing home placements by supporting family caregivers.

"The Adult Family Care team delivers crucial assistance every day, providing caring and conscientious support for family caregivers across the Greater Boston Area," said Hollings. "We are thrilled to see their hard work and high standards recognized with this accreditation."

Adult Family Care is a regional program of SCES that provides training and compensation for family caregivers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

NCQA's website (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices. NCQA can be found online at ncqa.org, on Twitter @ncqa, on Facebook at [facebook.com/NCQA](https://www.facebook.com/NCQA), or/ and on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/ncqa](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ncqa).

Documentary on the opioid epidemic to premiere

The City of Somerville, in partnership with the Somerville Media Center (SMC), has announced the release of a short documentary entitled From My Heart to Yours.

"From My Heart to Yours provides an intimate look at how the availability and use of opioids have impacted the lives of many individuals, especially here locally," said Somerville's Prevention Services Manager Matthew Mitchell. "It offers an opportunity for folks to see how the City of Somerville is working to stamp out stigma and support individuals in recovery as well as their families/friends and the community as a whole."

The public is invited to the premiere screening of From My Heart to Yours on Wednesday, July 31 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at VOX POP, 431 Artisan Way, Assembly Row.

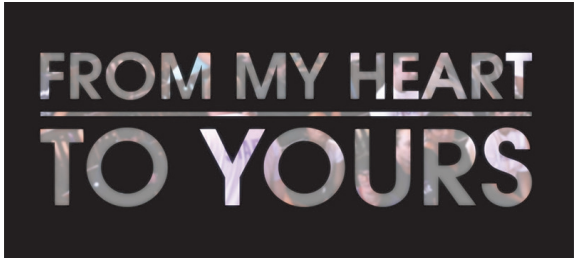
From My Heart to Yours is the result of a collaboration between the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department and the Somerville Media Center, a non-profit community media arts organization that is the oldest media access center in Massachusetts.

"It has been our mission as an organization for nearly forty years to share the stories often unheard or not represented in mainstream media with our community through educational videos," adds Erica Jones, Director of Institutional Advancement at Somerville Media Center. "The opioid epidemic is one that hits home for many people and to be able to try to convey the stories of those who were at their most vulnerable state and their journey to recovery was an incredibly powerful and moving experience for our team."

Both organizations plan to determine ways to best incorporate this educational video into city trainings and offer it as a community resource.

Additional screenings will be announced soon.

For more information, please contact Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2570 or mmitchell@somervillema.gov.



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East Branch Library
Preschool Story Time
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VOX Pop
Pajama Storytime! at VOX Pop
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|431 Artisan
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Central Library
Somerville Positive Forces
1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 13

Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 3 to
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10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders)
Meeting
3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Friday|June 14

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

Tuesday|June 18

Somerville Community Baptist
Church
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College
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Wednesday|June 19

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Somerville High School Anime
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12 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland
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Wednesday|June 12

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

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

Once Somerville
Possum
Therese Bellino and Dave
Fredette, Martin, Morell, and
Fredette
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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Adult Lunchbox
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Sally O’Brien’s
Meghan Chiampa presents A
Touch of Schmilsson with The
Grownup Noise, Steve Wal-
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Christopher Parlon, Nick Zaino,
Jonathan Donaldson - \$8 cover
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The Burren
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with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge &
Company |7 p.m.
Back Room: Magen Trracy &
The Missed Connections (Album
Release) featuting Naomi West-
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Scattershots|10 p.m.

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Thunder Road
Kronology 002: featuring MBX,
Kairo5, and Hausman
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Sensoria
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Mac-
beth
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Pub Sing
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|June 14

Sally O’Brien’s
Bucky Bear & The Bearly Seen|6
p.m.
Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present
Pineapple Jam, Fiesta Melon -
\$10 cover|9pm
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
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The Burren
Front Room: Irish Session|9:30
p.m.
Backroom: Prateek with special
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7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|June 15

Sally O’Brien’s
One Thin Dime|6 p.m.

The Daylilies, Justine & The Un-
clean, The Chelsea Curve - \$10
cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2
p.m.Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Ir-
ish Session|2 p.m.
Back Room: NEIHO - New En-
gland Irish Harp Orchestra|7p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe’s
10 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

Casey’s
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
Space Force performing two sets
of Pink Floyd heavy hitters!
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Fuzztival 2019
6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Hats
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Rick and Friends
10 a.m.|Café
Blood, Sweat, and Baby: Life
After Orgasm
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Mac-
beth|7 p.m.
Total Loss|9 p.m.
255 Elm St

Union Tavern
Rockwood Band/The Concerns/
Tomorrowland Transit Authority
9 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Sunday|June 16

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Brunch with the Roundtable
Acoustic Series|11 a.m.
The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo and
guests|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room: John Gannon &
Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman
& Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9
p.m.
Backroom: 24 Hour Music and
Susan Cattaneo Present Rod Ab-
ernethy and Ian Flanigan|4 p.m.
Western Centuries|Cousin Bobby|
7 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country &
Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Baroness: Independent Store
Acoustic Performance Tour|2
p.m.
Celebutant|7 p.m.
We Can All Be Sorry

Poor Eliza
156 Highland Ave
Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Kevin Klein
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday|June 17

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Com-
edy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy
Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45
p.m., Run, Helena Delaney &
Friends|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: Irish Session with
Frank Horrigan|6 p.m.
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m.
Face First|8 p.m.
Garroted
Waelmist
Matriphagy
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
14 Tyler Street

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

Tuesday|June 18

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-
666-3589

The Burren
Front Room: Jason Anick & The
Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room: Camp Kangaroo
Benefit Concert|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Ghetto People Band
10 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-
ing Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of
Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Earth
Helms Alee
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|June 19

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

The Burren
Front Room:Americana Session
with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom: High Time|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10
p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The A-Beez
10 p.m.|366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

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

Once Somerville
The Dangerous Summer
Have Mercy, Modern Chemistry,
Valleyheart
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Seth Gooby
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|June 12

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Boston Guitar Orchestra
5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Thursday|June 13

Ciampa Manor
Learn English with the Library!
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

Central Library
Yoga at the Library
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

VOX Pop
Making a Mystery Improv at VOX
Pop
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.|431 Artisan
Way, Assembly Row
Making a Mystery Improv at VOX
Pop

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

Saturday|June 15

Union Square Farmers Market
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square
Plaza

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

Sunday|June 16

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

Tuesday|June 18

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

VOX POP
Lunch and Learn Workshop with
SMC
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|431 Artisan Way,
Assembly Row

Aeronaut Brewing Company
Books & Brews Book Club
6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St

Wednesday|June 19

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)
Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688
TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health Study – Are you starting to have problems with your memory or have trouble climbing stairs? Engage B might be right for you! 24 week study for people 60 to 89 years of age. Call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at ckowaleski@Somervillema.gov for questions and additional information.

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Classes – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays – Ralph & Jenny Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Monthly Book Club Selections – Meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Country Western Line Dancing – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

BBQ Holland Street – Thursday, June 13 starting at 10:00 a.m. 167 Holland Street. Join us for BBQ of hot dogs & hamburgers and Bingo too. Please call Josie or Vivian to RSVP at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Finances 50+ Workshop – Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This workshop was designed to help you make and keep smart money habits. A light dinner to follow. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call Josie or Vivian at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movie Day Monday – July 15 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Instant Family starring Mark Wahlberg. Lunch and Bingo to follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, June 18 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at 12:00 p.m. Somerville Theatre - \$1 per person paid to the theater. Refreshment stand will be open so you may purchase snacks on your own. This month’s movie is Ocean’s 8. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call Josie or Vivian at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Arts & Crafts with Judy – Wednesday, June 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Bingo and lunch will follow. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to sign up.

Afternoon at the Theatre – Mame – Thursday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. \$35 per person. First come – first serve, space is limited, no refunds. Check in time is 12:30 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Payment due at time of reservation. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Movie Day Wednesday – June 26 starting at 10:30 a.m. Book Club starring Jane Fonda. Lunch and Bingo to

follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Afternoon at the Theatre – The Sound of Music – Thursday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. \$33 per person. First come – first serve, space is limited, no refunds. Check in time is 12:30 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Payment due at time of reservation. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Atlantic City Boys – Wednesday, September 18 at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (Please cut out and save)

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

Tuesday:
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)
\$3 per class (H)
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)
Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

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

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

Fridays:
Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details
**All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration*

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Conversations of the Heart – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. If you are interested in joining, have any ques-

tions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

De-cluttering support group - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Memory Café – Meets the second Thursday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A welcoming place for people with forgetfulness and their family and friends to share a meal and create new memories. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Mens Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men’s group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. If you are interested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Game Hour – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a “Game Hour.” Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Register for OPENAIR Circus summer classes



You don't have to run away to join the OPENAIR Circus this summer. The classes for children include stilting, many forms of juggling, unicycling, hula hoops, and commedia dell'arte. For children as young as 3, there are Tiny Tot Trio and Tumbling for Two. Most classes are for older children and teens, and adult students join in every year.

OPENAIR is a Somerville-based non-profit that for 34 years has been teaching circus arts, mostly in the summer, though it often teaches stilting in Somerville street festivals. Registration cost is low: \$20/child or \$30/family for the 6-week program. Students can take up to nine classes, depending on their interests and ages. See www.openaircircus.org for more details and the class schedule.

Classes meet for one hour per week, Tuesday through Thursday, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Somerville parks. They begin June 25 and run through July 25. Online registration is now open. Or you can register in-person. The program culminates in performances under the big top at Nunziato Field near Union Square, the weekend of August 2.

OPENAIR Circus invites all to its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 22 from 9:30 –11 a.m. at 67 Dane St. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to the OPENAIR Circus to meet others in the community and learn about the program and what to expect. It's also a great opportunity for those who have taken part in the program in the past to reconnect while eating delicious food made by one of our board members. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, veggie patties, coffee and O.J. The event will be outdoors with both table and lawn space available (feel free to bring a blanket to sit on).



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Upcoming VOX POP events



Children Storytime with Somerville Public Library

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Come join the studio audience for a live recording.

Come one, come all, come in your pajamas. The Somerville Public Library invites the community to Pajama Storytime on the second Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at VOX POP, 431 Artisan Way, Assembly Row. Wear your pajamas if you can, because we're going to snuggle and read stories with librarian Ann Cassesso.



Murder Mystery Improv hosted by "Sisters of Crime"

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Somerville Public Library and Somerville Media Center present "Murder Mystery Improv." Find out how mystery writers make a story with Sisters in Crime. Local mystery authors, Elisabeth Elo, Frances McNamara, Dale T Philips, and Somerville's own Clea Simon, will show how it's done. Making a Mystery is fun and fast-paced improvisation, where the authors will create a brand new mystery using audience suggestions.

Community Journalism 101 Workshop

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Register here: <https://www.somervillemedia.org/communityjournalism101/>

Community Journalism 101 is a series of free, low-barrier journalism workshops, open to community members of Somerville. These workshops are run by Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism (BINJ), in partnership with Somerville Media Center. Participants will learn how to interview people, do background research, write in basic Associated Press style, and cover a range of issues. At the end, we aim to host a network of community journalists and reporters who can work closely on BINJ and SMC content, as well as being able to access other opportunities.

This SMC Digital Literacy program will address a wide spectrum of digital inclusion factors like taking full advantage of utilizing smartphones, researching the internet, learning media production, graphic design, building user friendly websites, becoming a community journalist, deepening media literacy knowledge and in general creating media savvy consumers.

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11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday, June 13		6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	11:00am	Graphic Content
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	5:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	Saturday, June 15		6:00pm	The Grandstanders	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	Teen Empowerment	4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
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12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:00pm	Art Seen at SMC
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Road to Recovery	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Monday, June 10		8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
4:00pm	Hello Neighbor!	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Somerville Line
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8:00am	Roll Call of Heroes 2019	2:00am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 5.23.19	11:30am	Jane's Walk 2019	1:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 6.10.19
8:35am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	8:00am	Memorial on the Mystic 2019	12:06am	Roll Call of Heroes 2019	3:30pm	Tuskegee Airmen
9:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019	9:35am	Roll Call of Heroes 2019	12:42am	Pride Flag Raising		By Lt. Colonel Enoch Woodhouse
11:30am	Finance Committee FY20 Budget	11:30am	McGrath Blvd. Community Meeting	1:00am	Historic Preservation Awards	6:00pm	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan
4:30pm	Porchfest '19	1:00pm	Powder House Blvd Community Meeting	2:30am	SomerVision 2040: Parameters - 4.5.19	6:30pm	Pride Flag Raising
6:00pm	Finance Committee FY20 Budget	3:00pm	Porchfest '19	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	7:00pm	Finance Committee FY20 Budget
Thursday, June 13		6:00pm	Future Park at Powder House School	9:00am	Jane's Walk 2019	Tuesday, June 18	
12:00am	Senior Circuit - June 2019	7:02pm	SomerViva em Português	11:30am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	12:00am	Conway Park & PIP Plan Info Session
12:30am	Finance Committee FY20 Budget	7:32pm	Finance Committee FY20 Budget	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - June 2019	1:38am	Talking Business "Bow Market"
8:00am	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan	Saturday, June 15		12:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 6.10.19	2:00am	McGrath Blvd. Community Meeting
8:30am	SomerViva en Español - April 2019	12:00am	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	2:30pm	SomerViva em Português - May 2019	8:00am	SomerVision 2040: Parameters - 4.5.19
9:00am	SomerViva em Português - May 2019	1:30am	Building a Narrative of Hope	3:00pm	Jane's Walk 2019	8:41am	Pride Flag Raising
9:30am	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	2:30am	White Nationalism Community Response	6:30pm	City Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen	9:00am	SomerVision 2040 - Development 101
11:00am	Historic Preservation Awards	8:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019	7:01pm	Senior Circuit - June 2019	11:00am	Porchfest '19
12:15pm	Senior Circuit - June 2019	9:30am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 5.23.19	7:31pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - June 2019
12:45pm	Pride Flag Raising	11:30am	Porchfest '19	8:44pm	City Council Meeting - 6.13.19	12:30pm	Jane's Walk 2019
1:00pm	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019	12:30pm	City Council Meeting - 6.13.19	Monday, June 17		2:00pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 5.23.19
2:30pm	Roll Call of Heroes 2019	5:00pm	Talking Business "Bow Market"	12:00am	Senior Circuit - June 2019	4:00pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	6:00pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	12:30am	FY20 Proposed Sewer & Water Rates	6:00pm	Finance Committee FY20 Budget
7:00pm	City Council Meeting - 6.13.19	6:30pm	Pride Flag Raising		Public Hearing	Wednesday, June 19	
Friday, June 14		7:00pm	Jane's Walk 2019	1:30am	Finance Committee FY20 Budget	12:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019
12:00am	Memorial on the Mystic 2019	8:30pm	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019	8:00am	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	1:30am	Future Park at Powder House School
1:35am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	10:00pm	SomerViva em Português - May 2019	8:30am	SomerViva en Español - April 2019	2:32am	Building a Narrative of Hope
		10:30pm	Memorial on the Mystic 2019	9:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019		

Wednesday, June 12		12:15am	Class Day 2019	6:00pm	Class Day 2019	5:00am	Public Domain Theater
9:00am	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield	2:30am	SHS Baseball vs Pope John	8:30pm	SHS Graduation 2019	9:00am	ESCS Spring Concert
11:30am	Healey School Spring Concert	4:00am	Healey School Spring Concert	10:30pm	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield	10:05am	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield
12:00pm	SHS Graduation 2019	9:00am	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	Sunday, June 16		12:30pm	SHS Graduation 2019
2:00pm	SHS Baseball vs Pope John	10:00am	Brown School Spring Concert	1:00am	SHS Baseball vs Pope John	2:30pm	Class Day 2019
3:30pm	Brown School Spring Concert	11:05am	Girls Intramural Basketball Championship	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	5:00pm	SHS Baseball vs Pope John
5:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert	12:00pm	Boys Intramural Basketball Championship	9:00am	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert	6:30pm	Healey School Spring Concert
6:00pm	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield	1:00pm	WHCS Spring Concert	9:30am	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	7:00pm	ESCS Spring Concert
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11:00pm	SHS Baseball vs Pope John	4:30pm	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield	1:00pm	WHCS Spring Concert	Tuesday, June 18	
Thursday, June 13		7:00pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	2:00pm	Brown School Spring Concert	12:15am	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield
12:15am	Brown School Spring Concert	8:00pm	Brown School Spring Concert	3:30pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	9:00am	Class Day 2019
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9:00am	ESCS Spring Concert	10:00pm	Boys Intramural Basketball Championship	6:30pm	Highlander Football 2018	1:30pm	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield
10:05am	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield	11:00pm	WHCS Spring Concert	7:00pm	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert	4:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
12:30pm	SHS Graduation 2019	Saturday, June 15		7:30pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	5:00pm	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
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Friday, June 14		4:00pm	SHS Baseball vs Pope John	2:00am	SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield	3:00am	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
		5:30pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert			3:30am	SHS Chamber Concert



OFF THE SHELF

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'Poplar Hill'

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Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Dennis Daly

Living well demands a nobility of style, opportunity, ability and daring. Dying well demands a good sense of self, stoicism, and a lot of luck. Very few mortals, unfortunately, achieve both estimable objectives. Stephen Ramey Glines, in his first novel, *Poplar Hill*, chronicles the life of one rather eccentric woman named Kitty Stevenson, who, with finesse and karma to spare, attains each of these aspirations.

Kitty, the scion of a once prosperous New York society family fallen on hard times, exudes a sense of royalty and command. She is one of those characters who centers herself in any context and watches with wry satisfaction as the world adjusts. Pictou County in rural Nova Scotia provides the setting for most of these adjustments.

Glines' quasi-fictional (Kitty was a real person) account of this singular woman divides into two tracks: her end-of-life adventures in Pictou County, and her stories of personal exploits in the "cabaret atmosphere" of pre-war Nazi Germany. This counterpoint technique adds wonderful depth to both the emotional and historic sides of the building chronical.

Right off the bat Glines draws the reader in with the unconventional celebration of his protagonist's wake, orchestrated and managed by that same protagonist, the very much alive Kitty Stevenson. He accomplishes this effectively in a seductive Prologue. Kitty's celebration of her upcoming passing is suitably covered by Canadian TV and catered by the local Oddfellows Retirement Home. Appropriately, the cooks from the retirement home are students of Kitty, who, it turns out, is one of only six master chefs in all of Canada.

Among the end-of-life scenes constructed by Glines, the January ice storm, which opens the book proper stands out with memoriorous authenticity and gut-wrenching detail. Here is a comical section of that scene, which mixes in marvelous local flavor with anxiety, in between power outages and shortly after Kitty's heart attack,

...To Kitty's surprise, she heard a dial tone. As she was about to dial Earl's phone number, she heard the pounding, thud, thud, thud, on her back door.

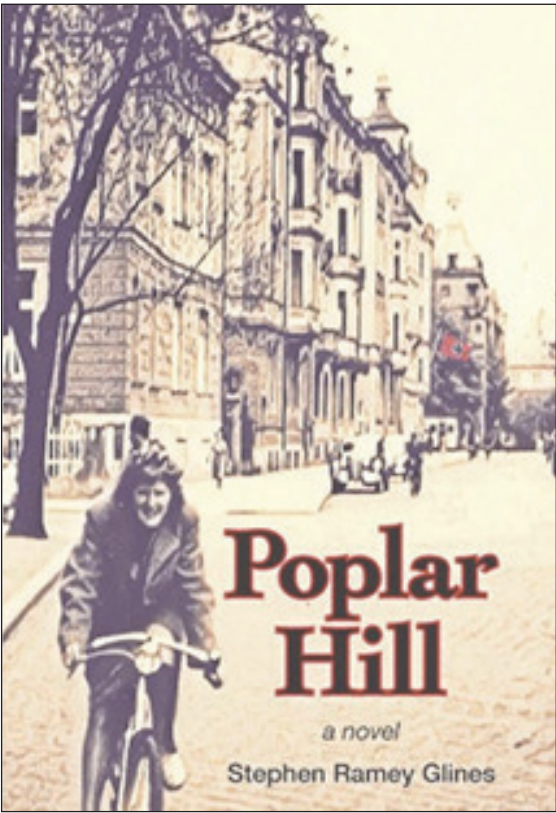
"Hello Missy," roared the voice. It was Earl, crashing through the door.

"Hello yourself. Barb got a hold of you I see."

"Oh yes Missy, she said you were feeling poorly, and that I should check on you. Are you all right? It's still icing out, must be an inch or three all over everything; probably lost most of me orchard. The roads are bad enough, and me truck's in the ditch so I can't take you no place but I see you have plenty of food. That's good. I bought you some milk, Missy. I'll put it right here. You shouldn't open the refrigerator when the power is out ya know. The lights should be back on in a bit. It's cold in here. It's a pity you sold off that beautiful wood stove. How much did you sell her for, Missy? Would you like your quilt?"

In the country everyone knows a character like Earl.

Glines, following his protagonist's physical decline, switches back and forth onto his second narrative track, Kitty's resurrected memories of pathos, danger, and murder. During the late 1930s she studied opera



in Munich Germany. Her family still had some money but it was tied up in German investments and those German marks could not be exported. Kitty's job was to spenwd the money in intellectually stimulating Munich and freewheeling Berlin. Every teenager's dream ... except for the looming catastrophe of Adolph Hitler and the Nazis.

Timing is everything and much of the story's tension revolves around Kitty and her expat American friends as they plot their eventual escape before war breaks out. Leaving Germany at that time often involved complicated machinations beyond the scope of the American Consulate – especially after the devastation of Kristallnacht. It doesn't help that Kitty and her crowd frequent Café Heck, a hangout that also accommodates the likes of Hitler and Hermann Goering.

Glines' technique often contrasts the utter seriousness of those dark times with youth's lightheartedness and recklessness. Here Kitty describes the group's amateurish, but well-meant preparation to photograph a concentration camp,

...We rode out from the 'English Garden' single file with Joe leading the way; I was right behind him with Sam behind me. Kozie brought up the rear. The plan was to ride out to the Dachau camp then ride by on the access road while I photographed it with the camera Joe had given me. If there was any trouble, I was to toss the camera over my shoulder and keep riding if possible...

... the pack was supposed to split into four groups, each pedaling down a different road.

Unexpected success sometimes rewards recklessness and Glines' narrative takes that plausible turn.

Kitty's growth as a woman and her growing horror at Nazi atrocities, Glines ties to the plight of a Jewish bookseller and his family unable to get out, but still trying to survive the insanity. They are personal friends of Kitty. Add to the plot's intrigue an SS officer, who has infiltrated their group of friends and the stage is set, inexorably, for violence.

In the book's denouement Kitty finishes her hitherto untold story with flourish, then, showing off a bit of classical knowledge, comments on Plato's description of Socrates' leg numbness as he died. She now notices the same phenomenon in herself. Having bequeathed her body to science, Kitty fades quickly. She dies. The book ends. But the usefulness of this well-lived life, fictional or not, continues.

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Fernando

The frog escaped,
my brother reported to me.
Why did he use that word, escaped,
and why did he smile? (The snake.)
He wanted to find a mate, a home.
This was his home, I bleated, all the food
and rocks and water he'd ever need or want!

How do you know? I told him how.
Oh, you speak Frog? Of course.
Fernando taught me. Fernando is my friend!
Why keep him in jail then? Jail? Ha! To him this is heaven!

The truth was clear and simple when I was seven.

Today, that brother admitted
over pumpkin pie, shielded by a stomach,
that he was the one who'd set Fernando free.
He smirked behind a serpent-shaped tattoo.
From what, I inquired, aghast. He burped, *From you*.

— James B. Nicola

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