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## City passes Union Square zoning ordinance



With a mix of enthusiasm and trepidation, the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen passed the Union Square Overlay District zoning ordinance at last Thursday's meeting.

— Photo by Jordan Deschenes

By Jordan Deschenes

The Board of Aldermen passed a Union Square Overlay District zoning at its meeting last Thursday through a vote of nine to one, with one absentee. Mayor Joe Curtatone also signed the master development covenant for the project into effect, binding US2 into an official agreement with the city.

The zoning ordinance was passed as a result of several years' worth of compromise and collaboration with residents and stakeholders.

"This is going to be a monumental change, but a beneficial one with plenty of public process, transparency, and a real opportunity for the city to make itself a terrific reputation as another great place to live, work, and raise a family," said Alderman At-Large John Connolly.

The aldermen were particularly impressed with the stringency of certain

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## Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest this weekend

By Tom Bannister

The brainchild of Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, who played trumpet in the Somerville High School Jazz Band, Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival is back this year.

On Saturday, June 17, get ready for a free all-day outdoor event in beautiful Powderhouse Park (a.k.a 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.

There will be non-stop music from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. The lineup includes: Sara Bielanski, Air Congo, The Composers Saxophone Quartet, Kit Holliday and the Ominous Vultures, and The Tarbox Ramblers.

The Tarbox Ramblers have released two albums on the Rounder label, toured throughout North America and Europe, and shared the stage with Robert Plant, Alison Krauss, Buddy Miller, Dave Alvin and more. The band's songs can be heard in TV shows like *Sons of Anarchy* and *Supernatural*.



Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival will be livening up Powderhouse Park this coming Saturday as a great selection of blues and jazz artists perform free for the public.

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“East Somerville Reunion 17” will be held this year on **Saturday, June 24**, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m., at the **Somerville City Club**. Anyone that grew up in East Somerville is invited to attend to meet and greet old friends and reminisce about your park or the corner you grew up on, and so much more. Come and have some fun. Hook up with old friends. Eat, drink, and dance your ass off to a live band. Tickets are \$10 each, available at the City Club bar. \$15 at the door. This is an adult only event. No one under 21 allowed. We know what it was like back in the day to grow up in a unique part of Somerville. The last reunion had well over 100 attendees. It looks like this year’s event may be even more successful. Go to the Facebook page “East Somerville 17” and check in if you will be attending. The reunion is the idea of **Dan Rogovich** and his committee. They have worked hard to make this a success. A big thank you for having Somerville Pride, in particular East Somerville Pride.

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

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Check out **www.ocpf.us** and plug in a name to find out who and how local politicians stand in fundraising. We’re looking it over and seeing who contributes to whom. Remember, it’s not illegal to accept money from special interests, including developers, lawyers or unions of any kind.

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Happy birthday this week here in the Ville: Lots of well known and popular individuals celebrating their birthdays this week. Happy birthday to **Steven Mirabella**, good guy and very involved here in the city. Happy birthday to **Carolyn Pederson**. We wish her the very best and many more birthdays. Good guy and former License Commissioner, as well as from one of Somerville’s oldest families, **Raymond Trant**. *Continued on page 11*

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Letter to the Editor: It’s time to say ‘yes’ to new zoning for Union Square

Villinous says:

I’m in Union Square too and I agree with Rob. There’s stuff to be done after this, but the footdraggers need to cut the nonsense and get this part done.

Datgruntled says:

I would say it is long past time for the Aldermen to pass the new zoning for the entire city that they have been hemming and hawing over for years now. Why should Union Square get all the fun?

Union Square Resident says:

Well-reasoned and reasonable letter. It’s time to move forward.

### Response to: Residents called to join climate change planning process in Somerville

LindaS says:

Makes me wonder if the President pulled out of the agreement knowing that it would force the state and local levels to take the action instead, letting the Federal level off the hook. He gets to pass the buck to the state level yet again and keep the responsibility away from him. Considering that no nation is forced to join, there is no monetary penalty or fee to stay or leave, what’s the point of pulling out of this and making the US look like idiots? Oh, wait. It’s not the US that looks the idiot here. At least we can only hope that the other nations see that and not pass judgment on all of us.

### Response to: Somerville Firefighters Memorial

Steve Keenan says:

The people of Somerville are protected by the finest firefighters one could ask for. The men and women of the SFD and the Somerville Fire Alarm Division adhere to a noble code of dedicated service to the community, the people, and their profession. Stay safe and keep up the great work you all do 24/7!!

### Response to: Union Square Portraits: Conversations about America – with Dave

Len W. says:

What a nice piece on a great guy. Of course the records are great but half of the experience of walking into Grooves is shooting the breeze with Dave about music. So glad to see him doing well in Union Square, and thank you Dave for keeping the music alive. Long live Somerville Grooves!

### Response to: Bill White campaign kickoff and fundraiser

LindaS says:

He’s a good guy for sure. Wish he’d consider running for mayor. Our current one has been running unopposed for most of these years because nobody else has been willing to run against him. We could use a change, and I think he’d be a good candidate.

### Response to: Election 2017 update

Villinous says:

Two humans nobody has ever heard of want to run for mayor. Yippee. I’m all for high aspirations, but I’ve got my fill of buffoons with no history of holding elective office trying to run things at the federal level.

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John Connolly

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## Pretrial reform – Massachusetts can do better

By State Senator Pat Jehlen

Last week I joined many other legislators to testify on criminal justice reform. This is my testimony on S834, An Act Reforming Pretrial Process.

There are two problems with our bail system:

It locks up thousands of people who aren't flight risks.

It doesn't ensure that people let out on bail actually show up for court.

In almost every county, there are more people incarcerated awaiting trial than have been tried and sentenced. In both the Department of Correction and Middlesex County, the number of pretrial detainees has increased 23% in recent years.

County and state facilities hold roughly 5000 people every day awaiting trial – 25% of the incarcerated population. The pretrial incarceration system costs roughly \$200 million annually.

It also results in significant harm for individuals, who after even a short incarceration lose their jobs, and sometimes their economic futures, their homes, and their families.

At the same time, our current bail system has a high rate of defendants who don't show up in court.

Our system of bail is largely cash based:

a defendant must pay a set amount of cash to obtain release. It doesn't reflect current research on what makes a successful pre-trial system.

If people who are ordered to pay cash bail don't have access to cash, they can't be released. For wealthy people, cash bail is not a barrier; for poor people it is.

*For wealthy people, cash bail is not a barrier; for poor people it is*

Availability of money shouldn't determine if someone is released from jail before trial. Wealth shouldn't play a role in our criminal justice system.

As Rep. Livingstone testified from his experience, decisions on bail are made with minimal information.

The late Senator Donnelly, along with Rep. Rogers and Rep. Livingstone, filed this bill to implement proven reforms. It



State lawmakers testified last week in favor of S834, An Act Reforming Pretrial Process, a bill that, according to its supporters, addresses questionable practices inherent in the current bail system.

provides for risk informed decision-making combined with better release conditions, moving us to a system with objective procedures.

Reforms include: Developing a validated risk-assessment tool to predict a defendant's probability of returning to court; a limitation on cash bail unless it's the only appropriate condition; services for pretrial defendants; and data collection.

This bill would provide informed and objective decision-making, court access to information, and assistance and oversight

for released defendants.

Similar Reforms have been implemented in dozens of counties, the District of Columbia and six states. They have led to significant reductions in incarceration of defendants before trial as well as increases in appearance rates at courts.

Recently, I met with members of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization in Cambridge and Winchester, who advocated strongly for many criminal justice reforms. I was happy to see so many of them at the hearing.

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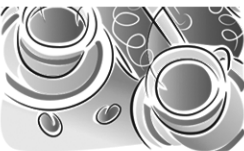
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Kevin Lane, Research Associate and Faculty in the Department of Environmental Health at Boston University School of Public Health will share research on how traffic pollution can affect Heart Health.

Wig Zamore, Somerville Transportation Advocate, will speak about research findings on how traffic pollution affects the health of bicyclists.

Jim Newman, Architect and Principal of Linnean Solutions, will discuss ways to reduce exposure to traffic pollution at home, in new housing and outside.

Come early for Lunch at 1:30 p.m. Bring your children for fun and activities, games and prizes

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Health and beauty enthusiast goes too far

Police officers were dispatched to the Stop & Shop store on McGrath Hwy. last Sunday on reports of a suspected shoplifter. The officers were informed that the suspect, later identified as Brian Kobs, of Medford, was being pursued by a store employee through the parking lot towards Broadway. Witnesses told the officers that

they had seen Kobs running towards Arlington St. Following up on the tip, the officers soon located Kobs and ordered him too stop, but he reportedly began running away from them. One of the officers caught up with and apprehended Kobs, but he reportedly showed a clenched fist and the officer struck him and took him to the ground.

According to reports, Kobs struggled and resisted being put into handcuffs and tried to strike the officer with his elbow. A shot of pepper spray was administered and Kobs was finally restrained. According to police, Kobs has a history of committing larceny, and the store security personnel paid special attention to his ac-

tion in the store via the surveillance cameras. Kobs was reportedly observed placing several health and beauty products into a reusable bag and then flee the store, with security personnel following in pursuit. Kobs was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries sustained during his struggle with police.

While at the hospital Kobs reportedly made threats to officers, using racial slurs while doing so. He also reportedly cause damage to hospital property. After receiving medical treatment, Kobs was taken in for booking, charged with larceny over \$250, resisting arrest, witness intimidation, and threat to commit a crime.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Luis Pena**, of 136 Fuller St., Boston, June 6, 6:26 p.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of failure to signal, no inspection sticker, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Danielson Correia**, of 62 Laura St., Providence, RI, June 7, 10:41 a.m., arrested at Teele Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and unregistered motor vehicle.

**Prince Carter**, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, June 7, 11:23 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of possession of a class C drug, trespassing, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. **Sean Lynch**, of 32 Maynard

St., Danvers, June 8, 8:15 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of possession of a class C drug. **Jerry Ortiz**, of 50 Dimock St., Roxbury, June 11, 6:28 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of resisting arrest and

shoplifting by asportation. **Brian Kobs**, of 16 Wedgemere Rd., Medford, June 11, 6:28 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of larceny over \$250, resisting arrest, witness intimidation, and threat to commit a crime.

## City passes Union Square zoning ordinance

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language that established and memorialized their demands on behalf of constituents. Board members unanimously praised city Planning Director George Proakis and Land Use Committee Chairman, Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis for working to address the intricacies of the document's phrasing. Davis is currently serving his first term on the BOA. Some of the most significant accomplishments included in the zoning ordinance were those that addressed a citywide demand for increased affordable residential and commercial development in the Union Square area. The development covenant will also ensure that the city receives contributions from US2 in the form of land area fees. Contributions towards the Green Line Extension, community benefits, and jobs linkage by US2 will be \$2.40, \$1.60, and \$1.40 per gross square foot, respectively. Mayor Curtatone commented that the ordinance would benefit top-priority infrastructure updates to Union Square's sewage and drainage system that were slated for renovation regardless of the zoning ordinance timeline. Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters argued that the city is in "the seventh inning of an economy" and that commercial and property taxes resulting from the redevelopment will address major financial burdens

that it is facing. Importantly, the ordinance ensures that commercial development will be centered on diversified job creation and will stray away from traditional office and retail locations. The ordinance will create a zoning overlay dividing the Union Square area into sub-districts with mid-rise, high-rise, or "commercial core" development, the latter of which has attracted valuable tenants in various research and development fields, most notably biotechnology. According to BOA Vice President Katjana Ballantyne, research and development is especially attractive to residents who do not want to commute out of the Somerville to work in order to find a livable wage. By bringing high-paying jobs into the city, officials hope that the commercial development will in turn provide tax relief and a shift towards more diverse job options. "In labs, one needs skilled tradespeople, technicians, administrators, and scientists. We have all of those people living in Somerville," said Ballantyne in a post-meeting interview. "As a city, we should be encouraging companies to look local for their workforce." With regards to affordable housing, aldermen pointed to a recently negotiated provision for securing additional three-bedroom family units on residential development. Proakis specifi-

cally referred to the language as "the most aggressive three bedroom-unit offer that we have ever put forward". The provision, found in section 6.7.6 of the zoning ordinance, now requires that a developer must provide at least twenty percent of dwelling units as affordable housing in one mid-rise housing project. The developer will have the ability to add one "bonus" floor for every five percent increase in three bedroom units, with a maximum of up to three floors. "There are concerns from community members about parents not being able to afford to stay in the city because there is not enough affordable housing for families," said Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti. Another example of stringency in ensuring the development of quality affordable housing is a limitation on specially permitted off-site construction. If a developer wishes to build off-site, fifty percent of affordable housing units are also required to stay on-site. Despite the fact that the zoning document had addressed several of the city's major long-term goals, the aldermen were unanimous in agreement that it was not perfect with regards to meeting every demand. Demands for the inclusion of higher percentages of civic and green space were both limited, largely as a re-

sult of financial compromise. Although the entire board praised new efforts towards sustainability such as a roof stormwater entrapment provision, a percentage increase for natural green space requirements, and securing a permit for a 27,000 square foot park, some legislators were not completely satisfied. Several members were par-

ticularly upset about the city's failed efforts to negotiate for a thirty percent open civic space requirement, which was finalized at twenty five percent. The process was further hindered by two main factors that aldermen agreed were generally undesirable, the first being that the zoning ordinance was not signed into

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# 14th Annual Save Our Homes Walk

**By Louise Carpenter**

The 14th Annual Save Our Homes Walk took place on Sunday, June 11 to raise funds to help those at risk of becoming homeless. This year's goal was \$50,000.

All funds raised from the Walk help those at risk of homelessness, by providing assistance with security deposits, back rent or utilities, or moving costs. Each year at least twice as many requests for assistance are received than can be met.

AHOC was organized by the Somerville Community Corporation in 2001 as an advocacy coalition make up of Somerville residents and organizations including the Somerville Community Corporation, Somerville Homeless Coalition, Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services and the Community Action Agency of Somerville.

Anyone interested in contributing to the fund can do so by going online to: <https://www.crowdrise.com/SaveOurHomesWalk2017>


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



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



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

**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on the only roll call from the week of June 5-9. There were no roll calls in the Senate.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (H 3736)**  
House 151-2, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would give local school districts flexibility in educating their English Language Learner (ELL) students. The key part of the proposal would allow schools to implement alternative ELL programs, such as two-way bilingual/dual language or transitional bilingual education programs, based on the needs of their students.

Supporters said that each student has unique needs and the top-down cookie cutter approach is not working.

"This bill, at its core, is about allowing districts to exercise the flexibility in programming necessary to best serve their English learner populations -- a student group that is not only increasing in numbers but is also very dynamic with a wide range of needs," said Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley), Chair of the Education Committee.

Opponents said the bill imposes an unfunded mandate on cities and towns and disproportionately hurts those communities that have very few English language learners.

(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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**BAN CELL PHONES UNLESS HANDS-FREE (H 3660)** - The House gave initial approval to a measure that would prohibit drivers from using a hand-held cell phone or other device to make a call, use the device's camera or access social media. The measure allows drivers to use only a hands-free phone.

Use of a hand-held phone would be permitted in emergencies including if the vehicle was disabled; medical attention or assistance was required; police, fire or other emergency services were necessary for someone's personal safety; or a disabled vehicle or an accident was present on a roadway.

Violators would be fined \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense. A third offense would result in the violation being considered a moving violation for purposes of the safe driver insurance plan.

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

Some opponents said that the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others noted that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted.

**BAN ON NATIVE-AMERICAN SCHOOL MASCOTS (S 291)** - The Education Committee heard testimony on a bill that would ban the use of any Native American mascot by a public school including names like Redskins, Savages, Indians, Indianettes, Chiefs, Chieftains, Braves or Redmen.

Supporters said the use of these symbols is demeaning

to Native Americans and stereotypes them as savages. They said this decision should not be left up to local communities and noted a statewide ban will ensure that no school use these offensive symbols.

Some opponents said the mascots honor Native Americans by emphasizing positive traits like a fighting spirit, bravery, pride and dedication. Others said this is a decision that should be made by individual cities and towns.

**BAN SEXUAL ORIENTATION CONVERSION THERAPY (H 1190)** - The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities heard testimony on legislation that would prohibit psychiatrists and other mental health professionals from providing conversion therapy to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender minors under 18. The therapy is designed to change their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Supporters of the ban said being gay, bisexual or transgender is not a disease and therefore does not need a cure. They argued there is no sound evidence that this type of "junk therapy" even works and noted it is known to have increased levels of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, homelessness and suicidal thoughts.

Samuel Brinton, formerly from Boston and now living in Washington, D.C., testified that his conversion therapy involved wires wrapped around his hands that would heat up when pictures of gay sex were shown to him and cool down when he was shown straight sex.

Opponents of the ban said the treatment has been successful for some children including those whose sexuality was influenced by sexual abuse. Others noted that some people who underwent sexual reorientation therapy felt that they were better off afterwards -- even if the therapy was not effective in changing sexual orientation. Some noted that the therapy should not be used on any patient who believes that he or she is simply born with a specific sexual preference

**SCHOOLS MUST REPORT ALL THREATS (H 302)** - The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would change a current law that requires principals of all public and private school to immediately report to the local fire department any incidents involving the setting of unauthorized fires within a school building or on school grounds. The measure would expand the law and require the principals to report all threats including biological hazards, shootings or cyber threats.

Supporters said most schools already report these incidents but there are some that unsuccessfully try to handle these difficult situations themselves.

**MAKE THE TAX THE SAME FOR ALL HOTEL RENTALS (S 1567)** - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would prohibit online travel companies from calculating state and local hotel taxes based on the wholesale costs the company pays to the hotel for the room rather than on the retail price that the company charges the consumer buyer.

Supporters say this would close a giant loophole that is costing the state lost revenue. They argue that current law allows these online companies to charge less in taxes to their Internet customer than the hotel itself is charging the customer.

**FREEZE INCOME TAX AT THE CURRENT RATE OF 5.1 PERCENT (H 1618)** - The Revenue

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Committee held a hearing on a measure that would permanently freeze the income tax rate at its current 5.1 percent.

Voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year’s 5.85 percent income tax to 5 percent by January 2003. The Legislature in July 2002 froze the rate at 5.3 percent. At the same time, it devised an automatic trigger that reduces the income tax by 0.05 each year that the state’s economic growth is at least 2.5 percent until the tax is reduced to 5 percent. Since that time, the trigger has reduced the tax to its current 5.1 percent.

Supporters said that the next 0.05 percent reduction would save taxpayers an average of only \$30 per year. They noted the state, already facing a \$400 million-plus budget deficit, cannot afford the projected \$84 million in lost revenue which would lead to cuts in important programs.

Opponents said it is long past time for the Legislature to respect and honor voters’ opinions from 2000 and allow the income tax to return to 5 percent. They noted that when the income tax was first raised in 1989 it was sold as a “temporary measure” that was supposed to last only 18 months.

**PARENTS CAN’T BE FORCED TO TESTIFY AGAINST THEIR CHILDREN (H 3908)** - The Judiciary Committee’s agenda included a bill that would protect biological parents, adoptive parents, stepparents and legal guardians of a child from being forced to testify against the child. The protection would not apply if the

child is being accused of committing a crime against a family member. Current law only protects children from being forced to testify against their parents. Supporters say it is time to get rid of this double standard and to have an even playing field.

**MUST SHOW ID TO VOTE (H 372)** - The Elections Laws Committee’s agenda also included a bill requiring all voters to show identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote. Acceptable forms of ID would include any unexpired state or federal government-issued photo ID. This includes a Massachusetts state driver’s license or photo identification card and a United States passport. The measure also provides a free or reduced cost photo ID card to indigent voters who cannot afford pay for one. Supporters say it is illogical that all voters are not required to show identification prior to voting and noted that many other states have laws requiring IDs. They argued that people cannot cash a check, rent a car or even enter some government buildings without showing an ID. Opponents say the bill would disenfranchise thousands of voters including people who do not have a current address because they are in a homeless shelter or domestic violence facility. Others said that there have been no widespread reports of voter fraud in Massachusetts.

**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 5-9, the House met for a total of seven hours and 22 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 24 minutes.

Mon. June 5	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Tues. June 6	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 7	House 11:01 a.m. to 4:51 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 8	House 11:01 a.m. to 12:17 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Fri. June 9	No House session No Senate session

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

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
11 Cedar Ave	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	8	\$739,000	\$767,500
48 Glenwood Road	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Victorian	16	\$799,000	\$860,000
226 Highland Ave	9 room, 6 bed, 3f 0h bath Colonial	49	\$799,900	\$850,000
7 Fremont Street	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Other	224	\$850,000	\$800,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
28 Forest St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	10	\$849,000	\$875,000
53 Kent Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	103	\$849,900	\$849,900
7 Gould Avenue U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$888,000	\$956,000
7 Gould Avenue U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$898,000	\$920,000
73 Central Street U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$948,000	\$975,000
89 Josephine Ave U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	11	\$949,000	\$995,000
15 Ivaloo St U:15	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	48	\$964,999	\$935,000
89 Josephine Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	11	\$1,049,000	\$1,150,000
56 Line Street U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	123	\$1,049,900	\$1,049,000
10 Powder House Terrace U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	28	\$1,199,000	\$1,250,000
62 Lowden Avenue U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	43	\$1,199,900	\$1,130,000
12 Newbury Street U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	17	\$1,495,000	\$1,420,000

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

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
40-42 Pennsylvania Avenue	2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	16	\$899,000	\$899,000
10-12 Boston Ave	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	27	\$925,000	\$1,000,000
21 Lake Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	32	\$929,000	\$880,000
36 Ware St	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$975,000	\$1,001,000
17-19 Wallace Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	9	\$1,200,000	\$1,390,000
34 Gilman St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	15	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
57 College Ave	2 unit, 14 total room, 9 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$1,450,000	\$1,550,000
9 Chapel St	2 unit, 14 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	8	\$1,699,000	\$1,705,000

OBITUARY

Norman Robert McNeal



Norman Robert McNeal of Modesto, California, passed away June 5, 2017 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was born

August 9, 1946 in Somerville, Massachusetts, and he was the son of Robert and Marion McNeal. Norman was a proud graduate of Somerville High School, and later went on to faithfully serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Era. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids, as well as traveling, and working with computers. Norman will also be remembered for being a great enthusiast of histo-

ry, politics and his Bostonian Heritage. He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Haughey, and husband John; grandchildren Carter and Madeleine Haughey, all of Riverview, Florida; he is also survived by his loving companion Judy Souza, and a host of other relatives and friends. A Celebration of Norman's Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St, Everett, MA 02149.

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Historical Fact of the Week

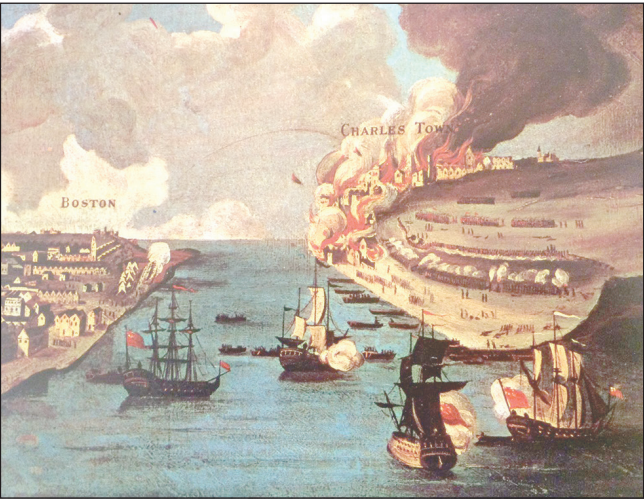


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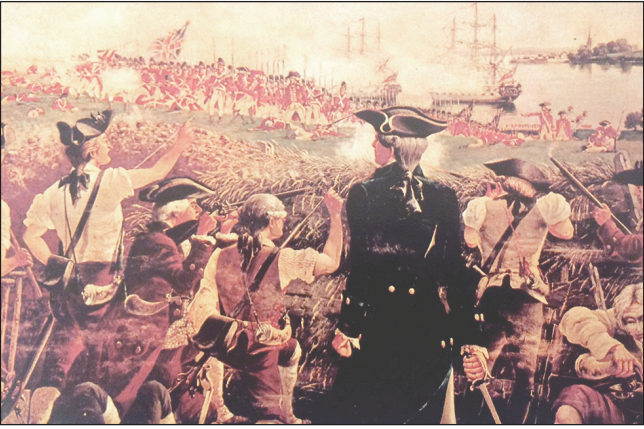
The Monument

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

While stacked high above the city waiting to land at Logan Airport, the pilot gave the travelers a brief history lesson. As the plane angled for a clear view, he pointed out the tallest monument in Boston, the Bunker Hill Memorial. Passengers were overheard saying, Bunker Hill? It looks more like Bunker Bump, but they soon viewed it as Bunker Mountain when informed about its historic saga.



This was the site where on June 17, 1775, New England volunteer patriots fought toe to toe against the British Army, the best trained in the world. After opposing three assaults and inflicting terrible losses on the enemy, the Americans ran out of gunpowder and were forced to withdraw to Winter Hill. The tragic loss at Bunker Hill was devastating, with over 1,500 American patriots and British soldiers killed or wounded during this battle. Every year Suffolk County and the City of Somerville officially celebrate Bunker Hill Day with a day off and a chance to celebrate and observe a parade down Main Street in Charlestown.



Somerville was the oldest daughter of Charlestown. She broke away in 1842, the same year the monument was finished. In 1794, the first monument erected on Bunker Hill was a Tuscan Pillar that was 18 feet high. It was funded by King Solomon's Lodge, now located on Somerville's Highland Avenue. More than half a dozen streets in Somerville honor Bunker Hill heroes. In 1825, the section of Washington Street that stretches from Cambridge to the Charlestown line was candle lit to honor General Lafayette. He was the French patriot for the American cause who laid the cornerstone to the present monument. After his death, his body was laid in France with Bunker Hill soil. In Charlestown, like Somerville's 175th celebration, the "bring back the parades" excitement of yesteryear is growing. This year's slogan was "Make Bunker Hill Day Great Again," with the Bunker Hill Flag emblazoned in the background.

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ESCS Grades K – 5 Spring Concert

The East Somerville Community School Grades K- 5 Spring Concert took place on Thursday, June 8, at the ESCS Auditorium. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



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# Celebrate Somerville’s 175th Flag Day

By Charles Lane

Did you know? Recent research by historian Byron DeLear has discovered that the Grand Union Flag, first flown atop Somerville’s Prospect Hill in 1776, was not just the first flag of the united colonies, but the first flag of the United States?

Join the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Somerville on Saturday, June 17 to hear DeLear present his findings about the Grand Union Flag and Somerville’s role in the Revolutionary War era. This will also be an opportunity to climb to the top of Prospect Hill Tower and appreciate the incredible views of Somerville,

Boston and Cambridge.

On Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, everyone is welcome to join the city and DeLear for docent-led tours of Prospect Hill Tower, enjoy colonial-era music, and light refreshments. Participants are also invited to visit the 175th Anniversary “Story Booth” to share your favorite memory or your favorite thing about Somerville. We’ll be gathering stories, photos, and memories all year long to create a memory book and gallery for our archives as part of the ongoing 175th Anniversary celebrations.

**About Byron DeLear**

Byron DeLear is a speaker with a broad background in a variety of fields. He attend-

ed Berklee College of Music in Boston before becoming a media producer in the entertainment industry, working for 20th Century Fox. He now designs and administers clean-energy programs in the Midwest including the nationally recognized Set the PACE St. Louis program. DeLear has also found time to work as the Editor in Chief of the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA), the primary organization for the scientific and scholarly study of flags.

Docent-led tours of the Prospect Hill Tower are part of a program now offered thanks to recent renovations with Community Preservation Act Funding.



## Election 2017 update

Below are citizens who have pulled nomination papers for elected office in Somerville.

Office	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Street Address & Zip
Red Indicates Complete Certification				
Mayor- 300 Signatures				
Mayor	Curtatone	Joseph A	Joe	130 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Van Buskirk III	Kenneth C		114 Highland Ave # 302 02143
	Corbett	Payton		28 Mount Pleasant St #1 02145
Alderman At Large- 180 Signatures				
Alderman At Large	Sullivan	Dennis	Michael	138 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Mbah	Willi		65 Woods Ave 02144
	Tarpley	Kevin	Allen	15 Hamlet St 02143
	Rossetti	Mary Jo		80 Electric Ave 02144
	Fitzgerald	Sean	J	46 Garrison Ave 02144
	White	William	A Bill Jr	125 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Connolly	John M	Jack	17 Winslow Ave 02144
	Hirsh	Stephanie	A	17 Fremont Ave 02143
Ward Alderman 120 Signatures				
Alderman Ward 1	McLaughlin	Matthew	C	50 Flint St #3 02145
Alderman Ward 2	Scott	JT		269 Washington St 02143
	Heuston	Mary Ann		115 Beacon St 02145
Alderman Ward 3	McWatters	Robert		218 A Summer St 02143
	Ewen-Campen	Ben		28 Warren Ave #5 02143
Alderman Ward 4	Clingan	Jesse		33 Puritan Rd 02145
	Boukili	Omar		91 Putnam Rd 02145
Alderman Ward 5	Niedergang	Mark		29 Conwell St 02143
Alderman Ward 6	Davis	Lance		356 Highland Ave 02144
Alderman Ward 7	Ballantyne	Katajana		49 Russell Rd 02144
School Committee 120 Signatures				
School Committee Ward 1	Hamlin	Guillermo	Samuel	69 Myrtle St 02145
	Salvato	Kenneth	M	28 Brook St 02145
	Pratt	Tracey	Leah	19A Bonair St 02145
	Ackman	Emily		23 Autumn St 02145
School Committee Ward 2	Futrell	Dan	J	20 Concord Ave #1 02143
School Committee Ward 3	Palmer	Lee	Erica	17 Pitman St 02143
School Committee Ward 4	Green	Andre	L	88 Governor Winthrop Rd 02145
School Committee Ward 5	Pitone	Laura	J	46 Rogers Ave 02144
School Committee Ward 6	OSullivan	Paula	G	10 Morrison Pl 02144
School Committee Ward 7	Normand	Caroline	Carrie	25 Kingston St 02144

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

— Donald Norton

## How to Fix the World Festival



By Tom Bannister

The How To Fix The World Festival brings together art and activism to consider ways we can improve our communities and the larger world. The free event will be presented by the Somerville Arts Council in the city’s Union Square from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 18 (rain date, July 8).

Produced with funding from The Boston Foundation’s Live Art Boston (LAB) grant, the festival will showcase music (including Tef Poe, the St. Louis rapper and current Harvard University fellow who rose to national prominence as an activist at the forefront of the 2014 Ferguson, Missouri, protests), dance, visual art, talks, sign-making, letter-writing and other participatory activities. The festival

also will offer ways to engage with local activist groups and community organizations addressing racism, sexism, global warming, the flaws of capitalism and other major problems.

The How To Fix The World Festival will culminate with a 3:00 p.m. parade, in which all are invited to join in. It will be led by the Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band, Asociación Carnavalesca de Massachusetts, and the Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The parade will end with a 3:30 p.m. rally in which artists, activists and community groups will lead participatory chants.

The festival is being organized by a planning committee that includes Deidra Montgomery, Marissa Molinar, DiDi Delgado Greg Cook and Nina Eichner.

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## In Somerville, we've got ways you can personally stay in the Paris Accord



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Recently President Trump announced he will withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Accord. His decision didn't go over well. As it turns out, when you set in motion the potential reversal of decades of progress on climate change, people all across our huge planet – like world leaders, business executives, scientists, everyday citizens, and the Pope – will express their dismay. Count me among the exasperated, and I've heard from many of you that you feel that way too. President Trump's choice to make America a climate pariah – one of only three countries worldwide to reject the accord – is shortsighted, irresponsible, and outright bad for all of us. The question now is what can we each do to counter this step backward? Well, I have a few local options for you.

First, on June 26th, we're launching the next phase of our planning process for creating our comprehensive climate change plan called Somerville Climate

Forward. With community input, we'll shape a plan that will identify actionable short- and medium-term policies, projects, and programs aimed at reducing Somerville's carbon footprint and preparing the city for the expected and evolving risks climate change presents.

Efforts are already underway throughout the city to reduce carbon emissions and advance climate resiliency efforts. For one, we're leveraging new development to help fund infrastructure improvements and concentrate home construction near future Green Line stops so fewer residents will have to rely on cars. Somerville Climate Forward will be an opportunity to identify new policies, programs, and projects.

We have a big task ahead of us. Sixty-four percent of the 609,565 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions put out by the community come from the energy use of buildings and homes with another 34 percent coming from transportation (98 percent of transportation emissions are from personal road vehicles). We all contribute to the city's carbon emissions and Somerville Climate Forward will look at solutions to both City-produced emissions as well as those of the overall community. I hope you'll join us at the kickoff on June 26 (info below).

Second, we've incorporated a number of new sustainability measures into our proposed zoning code overhaul. This summer you can stop by a number of open houses to talk with our Planning staff about the overall code proposal as well as the sustainability measures. There you can provide feedback for the final draft of the proposed code that will be submitted to the Board of Aldermen this fall. You'll find the full schedule at [www.somervillezoning.com](http://www.somervillezoning.com).

Finally, the City of Somerville will start a new electricity bulk buying program for households and businesses citywide this July. Called Somerville Community Choice Electricity (Somerville CCE), the goal of the program is twofold. It aims to reduce and stabilize the cost of electricity, as well as increase the share of renewable "green" energy in our electricity supply. The default supply will contain 5 percent more renewable energy than what is currently required by the State of Massachusetts. But if you want to go further, you can choose to increase your renewable energy percentage to 100 percent. The cost is higher for the 100 percent option, but so are the climate benefits. A full 22 percent of Somerville's greenhouse gas emissions are estimated to come from grid-supplied electricity. The more residents

who increase to 100 percent, the more we can drive down those emissions. More information on the CCE plan can be found at [www.somervillecce.com](http://www.somervillecce.com).

Lastly, just a note on global and local impacts. Too much hangs in the balance if the Paris Accord's targets are not met. Along with the climate, financial, and political instability as well as the resulting human suffering that climate impacts are expected to cause over time across the planet, the American economy – and the Somerville economy – will suffer too simply by the U.S. not being a part of the agreement.

President Trump failed to recognize what we stand to gain and how we benefit from getting out ahead on clean energy. The UN Green Climate Fund (set up to help implement the Paris Agreement) provides resources to help developing countries fund low-emission and climate-resilient projects and programs. One way the fund does this is through the purchase of technology from businesses in developed countries like those in Somerville and other metro communities. Currently in the United States, nearly three times as many people are employed in the solar and wind energy industries than in the coal industry. In Somerville, we're home to GreenTown Labs, the largest clean-tech incubator in the nation. As a result of

leaving the Paris Agreement, the ability of American companies, like those at GreenTown, to capitalize on the global shift to renewable energy will be hindered.

If the president wants to display poor leadership and abandon his responsibilities, taking a back seat on climate change, Somerville is one of the cities ready to band together and lead the way. We're more committed than ever to our goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. We're taking responsibility for our role in climate change here on the local level, and we need your help. If we can't count on our federal government to step up and do the right thing for our collective future, let's prove we can count on each other, Somerville.

The first Somerville Climate Forward community meeting will be held Monday, June 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School. For more information about the Somerville Climate Forward plan or to get involved in the planning process, contact Hannah Payne at [HPayne@somervillema.gov](mailto:HPayne@somervillema.gov). For other SustainaVille initiatives, including tips on what can be done at home to reduce carbon emissions, visit [www.somervillema.gov/SustainaVille](http://www.somervillema.gov/SustainaVille), sign up for SustainaVille updates, or follow the work on Facebook at Green Somerville.

## City passes Union Square zoning ordinance

CONT. FROM PG 4

effect before bringing developer US2 on-board to negotiate a covenant. Financial obligations to the city were also a major influence on the decision with the Green Line Extension and Powderhouse school development projects already finalized.

Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin voted against the zoning ordinance, citing an issue of trust and good faith during the process in addition to wariness of the community benefits agreement in the development covenant.

"US2 is going to become a permanent partner with this

community and I hope that they respect the commitment that we have that none of us around this table have any real enforceability," said McLaughlin.

BOA president William White stated his decision to support US2 as the master developer to sign the covenant was based upon the benefits associated with the group's interest and flexibility towards the project.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston offered her thoughts about the covenant and its editing process, reminding the Board that they "did not take

a back seat" to it, ensuring that certain language was included to protect the city's interests.

"This zoning is a breakthrough in many ways, but it is setting a precedent here for future zoning. It's also setting the table for developers. This zoning sends a message to developers that it doesn't come easy in this city because we're going to push the envelope to get what we want for the good of the city," said Heuston. "Is it perfect? No, it isn't perfect, but it represents a consensus of this board, and it's the best work of this Board."



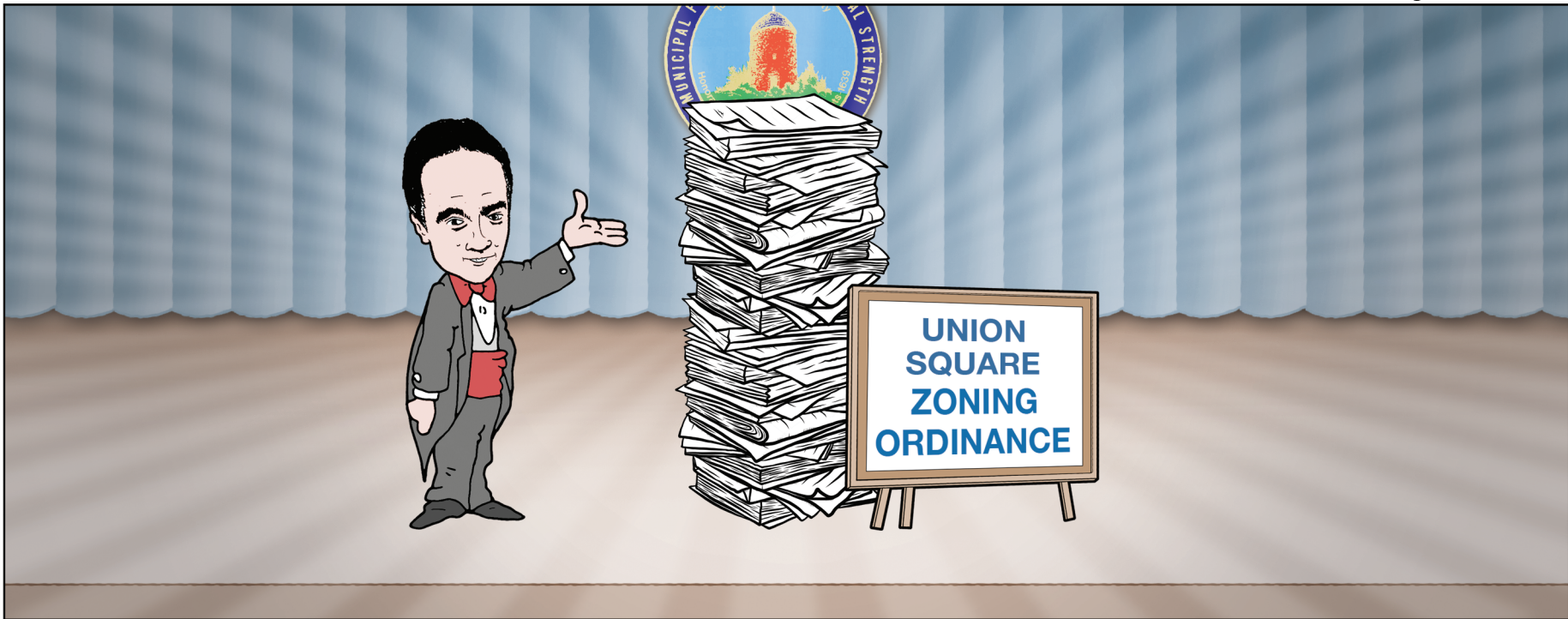
City Planning Director George Proakis was praised by members of the Board for his efforts towards bringing the zoning ordinance process to a successful conclusion.

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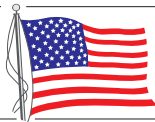
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Congratulations, Union Square - you have a new zoning ordinance.

Our View Of The Times



It was a long time coming, and took quite a beating along the way, but at long last – after a torturous course of study and debate – the Union Square Overlay District zoning ordinance now stands before us. And quite a thing to behold it is.

Many different groups and individuals concerned with the planning of the new zoning regulations played a hardscrabble game of tug of war in what became an almost insurmountable battle of wills over the future of Union Square.

Issues such as affordable housing quotas, commercial use limits, and any number of additional relevant factors kept our civic leaders on their toes – and in some instances severely on edge – over a protracted period of time which has now, thankfully, finally come to an end.

However anyone may feel about the outcome, it is clear that all the players in this game gave their all, and should be thanked for their hard work and diligence. We think so anyway.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We wish him the very best. Happy birthday to good friend, **Beth Bolton-Chamberlain**, who recently attended her stepdaughter’s wedding in Boston. She raises retrievers. Happy birthday to **Suzanne Bremer** of Prospect Hill. A nice lady and very involved here in the city. We wish her the best of birthdays. Happy birthday to **Linda Spinosa**, one of the famous offsprings of Dan. A great family, and a nice lady. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to **Stephanie Hirsch**, who is celebrating this week and is also running for Alderman At-Large. Anyone else celebrating their birthdays this week, we wish them a happy birthday. If you know of someone you’d like us to mention, let us know.

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For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email [gunclub@earthlink.net](mailto:gunclub@earthlink.net) for more information and or go to their website at [www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org](http://www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org) and read up about the course. We’ve been told that the course

has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it’s a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in *Newstalk*. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

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A quick look at this year’s proposed **city budget** is interesting. We noticed some department heads penciled in for large raises, and one in particular who is being proposed almost 20K more. This, when we hear that some of the city inspectors at the **Inspectional Services Department** are actively seeking jobs in other communities. Guess the city is going to take away gas allowances and no raises for the workers. It’s hard to get the positions filled when the city isn’t paying what those in other communities are getting.

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**Question:** In what year were 10 out of the 11 incumbent aldermen defeated? And Which alderman was re-elected, and in what ward? Where was Franz Diner located?

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Remember, the **175th birthday** of our city is this year. Celebratory events are scheduled throughout the coming year. Go online to <http://www.somervillema.gov/somerville175> for more information about events you might be interested in.

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Condolences to the many friends of **Dr. William Wood**, who recently passed away at his home in Florida. His wife **Carol** is having him waked there. Bill Wood was frequently in Davis Square and was very active, along with his wife Carol, in local politics both in Somerville and Medford. We hear that his passing was sudden. He and Carol recently retired to FLA.

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

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**Last week’s questions:** Can you name where at least two First National Stores were located in Winter Hill and East Somerville. What current resident and former pizza/sub shop owner (and yes local cable access show host) owned the “Three Bells Pizza” and where was it located in Somerville? Hint around the “bucket of blood” bar. **Answers** (commented on our website): Yes, the First National Store was on the corner of Langmaid Ave. and Broadway in Winter Hill; The A&P store was over the hill where the Salvation Army store is in Magoun Square; and the pizza and sub shop owner is between Mt. Vernon and Pinckney Streets (still a pizza shop).

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This week on *Real Estate Answers Show* (cable channel 3) with **Donald Norton** of the **Norton Group**, his guest will be **Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston**, who will be discussing the zoning proposal and Union Square. Watch for the show Friday night on Channel 3 and first of the week on the website [www.nortongroupe.com](http://www.nortongroupe.com), where the show will be posted, along with others.

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**The Endicott Young Writer’s Workshop** will be held on **June 24-25**. This camp-like experience provides students who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall, and who have an interest in creative writing, an opportunity to meet other student writers and to work closely with three of Endicott’s most accomplished professors and writers: **Charlotte Gordon**, **Dan Sklar**, and **Elizabeth Winthrop**. A press release about the workshop from the College’s website is available here: <http://www.endicott.edu/News/2017/4-28WritersWorkshop.aspx>. To register: <https://endicottyoungwritersworkshop.eventbrite.com>.

# ESCS Grades 6-8 Spring Concert

The East Somerville Community School Grades 6-8 Spring Concert took place on Tuesday, June, 6 at the ESCS Auditorium.



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Photos by Claudia Ferro



# ESCS remembers Mattie J.T. Stepanek

Ms. Fothergill’s 4th grade class at East Somerville Community School recently wrote poems and decorated t-shirts to honor the memory of late teen poet and peace activist, Mattie J.T. Stepanek.



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SPORTS

PMC Day at Fenway

By Rebecca Danvers

On Saturday, June 10, the Boston Red Sox honored cancer patients and survivors with PMC Day at Fenway. It was an inspiring evening celebrating the Pan-Mass Challenge's fundraising efforts to-date – \$547 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute since 1980 – and honoring Living Proof riders, including Betsy Bowman of Somerville, all of whom have gone through or are currently undergoing cancer treatment. PMC Founder Billy Starr was

joined on the field by Red Sox executives, Living Proof riders and PMC Pedal Partners during the activities, which culminated with this year's PMC logo being revealed on the famed Green Monster. PMC Pedal Partners, pediatric cancer patients at the Jimmy Fund Clinic, acted as bat boys and girls and served as the official Play Ball Kid prior to the start of the game. During the 4th inning, PMC rider and PMC Kids Ride coordinator, Kevin Sareault, was honored for his military service during the game's Hats Off to Heroes recognition.



The Boston Red Sox and Red Sox Nation celebrated the Pan-Mass Challenge during a special pre-game ceremony at Fenway Park. Picture above: Betsy Bowman of Somerville, one of the Living Proof riders.

Ms. Cam's  
**Olio**  
#582

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What was the Hoover Dam called from 1933 to 1947?

2. Whose version of A View to a Kill reached #1 in America?

3. William Young invented what in 1800?

4. The Wright brothers made aircraft but what was their craft?

5. How old does Cognac have to be before it's labeled Napoleon?

6. Who was the first character to speak in Star Wars?
7. What was the first cold breakfast cereal?

8. What is the state of Connecticut known as?

9. Who designed an improved fishing hook in 1655?

10. What was the game Scrabble first called?

11. What Indian tribe was featured in the movie Dances With Wolves?

12. What number does not exist in roman numerals?

Answers on page 23



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Tours of Milk Row Cemetery, Prospect Hill Tower

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission announces its annual Docent Tours of historic sites in Somerville. For the first time, the series will also include Docent-led tours of the old Powder House, located between Ball Square and Teele Square. Tours are also available at the Milk Row Cemetery on Somerville Ave., and for the Prospect Hill Tower. For more information on either program, contact Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 ext. 2532, or BWilson@somervillema.gov.

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## Dancing in the Streets



This month the Somerville Arts Council presents Dancing in the Streets. Dating back to its SomervilleStruts dance showcase in 2004, they have always thought the region should know about our city’s amazing dance community. Rather than showcasing these talented local dance troupes in a traditional venue, they were invited to perform in outdoor locations.

With a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the SAC was able to support six regional companies in the development of new projects with dance artist John Jasperse.

The productions featured in this year’s lineup are an outcome of this work. Produced in coordination with the Boston Dance Alliance.

For full listings, descriptions, and rain dates please visit [www.somervillearts council.org](http://www.somervillearts council.org).

Foss Park

Saturday, June 17

8:30 p.m.: Fukudance

9:00 p.m.: Betsy Miller and Matthew Cumbie

9:30 p.m.: Weber Dance

## Historical Fact

CONT. FROM PG 8

The leader of this push and the Grand Marshal of this year’s parade was Robert “Becky” Beckwith. A solid “townie,” Bobby worked for 34 years in public safety. He was a Somerville firefighter for over ten years, taking the job after the death of his brother Thomas.

Tom Beckwith was one of the nine firefighters killed at the Hotel Vendome fire in Boston. Over half of the men killed there were from Charlestown and Somerville. The blaze took place 45 years

ago on June 17, 1972, Bunker Hill Day. Becky spent the rest of his career in Boston as a Metropolitan District Commission police officer, and across the state as a Massachusetts State Police Trooper and Inspector.

With Bob Beckwith as this year’s Grand Marshall, the Bunker Hill Block Party and Parade proved successful. The Townies, their neighbors, families and friends made Bunker Hill Day great again ... while remembering why.



## 1st Somerville Non-Profit Kickball Game

Thursday, June 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Trum Field  
The public is welcome to come cheer!



What do you get when you combine dozens of Somerville-based community organizations plus a baseball field and a kickball? One heck of an entertaining spectacle!

On Thursday, June 15 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. @Trum Field, join the Somerville Media Center and the Somerville Arts Council for a community kickball game, open to Somerville community groups as a chance to come together for an afternoon of light exercise and entertainment.

The goal is to build a stronger relationship among all our community organizations and to invite the community-at-large to come cheer us along while learning more about these wonderful community resources.

*Participating organizations include:*

CAAS Community Action Agency of Somerville • RESPOND Inc.- Working to End Domestic Violence • Second Chances, Inc. • Somerville Arts Council • Somerville Local First • Somerville Media Center - SMC • The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. • The Welcome Project  
*...more to come soon!*

## Community reminder:

The Board of Aldermen will began its review of the FY18 budget this week. The process will take about two weeks with an expected vote on June 22. The budget hearings will be televised and there will be a public hearing on June 21 at 6:00 p.m. at which time the public can comment on the budget. The current budget proposal can be downloaded here: <http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/fy18-budget-proposed.pdf>

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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 21, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA.**

**27 Belmont Street (ZBA 2017-51)** Applicant and Owner, Allison Ellis, seeks a Variance under Section 5.5 and 9.8.d of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to locate/legalize a parking space within the front yard of the property. RB Zone. Ward 3.

**33 Walnut Street (ZBA 2017-44)** Applicant / Owner Name, Kevin Kee, seeks a Special Permit under Section 4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a three-story open deck off the rear of the structure. RA Zone. Ward 3.

**240 Elm Street (ZBA 2016-143-R1-0517)** Applicant, Sage Naturals, Inc., and Owner, Davis Square Realty Ventures Nominee Trust, seek a revision to a Special Permit under SZO §5.3.8 to allow for entry via an Elm Street entrance to the previously approved Medical Marijuana Facility in the basement of the building. CBD Zone and Medical Marijuana Overlay District. Ward 6.

**132 Perkins Street (ZBA 2017-42)** Applicant and Owner, 132 Perkins, LLC seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to make exterior changes to an existing 6-unit residential property, including adding an addition with will increase the FAR by more than 25%. RB zone. Ward 1.


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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-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at [www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning).

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
As published in The Somerville Times on 6/7/17 & 6/14/17.

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OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**70 Broadway (PB 2017-13):** Applicant/Owner, Juan Vasquez and Maria Monge Sibrian, seeks approval of design and site plan review (DSPR) under SZO §6.1.22.D of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to construct a small addition to the existing structure on the west side and construct a new exterior stair and lift in the rear. CCD-45 zone. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman  
To be published in the Somerville Times on 6/7/17 & 6/14/17.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 19, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of New England Neapolitan Assembly Row, LLC, d/b/a Midici for a New All Forms Alcohol Restaurant License – Assembly Row, Chapter 142 Acts of 2016, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices License and an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Patio) Approval for Opening before Noon on Sunday for 463 Assembly Row, Somerville, MA.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 19, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** for a Transfer of an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, from Pavan Restaurant Group d/b/a Diva at 246 Elm St., Somerville, MA to Genki Investment & Development, Inc. d/b/a Genki Ya of Somerville, at 246 Elm St., Somerville, MA, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices License, an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Patio) License and Approval for Opening before Noon on Sunday

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 19, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Olive, Viola and Will Inc. d/b/a Redds on Elm, 13 Elm St., Somerville, MA for a New Enhancement Area, Chapter 142 Acts of 2016, All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices License and approval for Opening before Noon on Sundays

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 19, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of MKJD LLC, d/b/a Spoke Wine Bar for an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Patio) for 89 Holland St., Somerville, MA.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 19, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Lucan Lin Company Inc. d/b/a Zoe's Chinese Restaurant, 296 Beacon St., Somerville, MA for an Entertainment by Devices License

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**


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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 19, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Chuckmaster Entertainment LLC, d/b/a Thunder Road for an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Patio) for 379 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP # 17-76

Acquisition of Shared Kitchen Space by Lease for Arts Council “Nibble” Program

The City of Somerville, acting through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for a lease of commercial space for use as a shared kitchen as part of the Somerville Arts Council's “Nibble” program.

A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained online at <http://archive.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> and from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until June 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.


The preferred space must be located in Union Square, ideally in a highly visible site on Somerville Avenue. At a minimum, the preferred space will be large enough to accommodate a full culinary kitchen with the opportunity for a small tasting counter or opportunity for flexible shared seating for a full-service restaurant. Additionally, the space would include adequate in-unit storage space. There are no parking requirements for the use of the space. The space would have access to loading areas for deliveries. The shared kitchen will have typical restaurant power/utility/phone/data needs. Target start date of the lease is during the summer of 2017. The term will be for at least three years with options to renew. All property leases held by the City of Somerville are subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen.

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP # 17-75**

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

**MEDICAID BILLING & COLLECTION SERVICES**

A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/bidpostings> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **11:00 AM, Thursday, July 6, 2017**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

**The City of Somerville seeks a qualified contractor to recover retroactive and prospective reimbursements from third party payers, particularly the Federal Medicaid Program and private insurance companies, for medical services which it has provided to school children enrolled in the Somerville Public Schools. The successful proposer will provide an automated special education system combining individualized education programs (IEPs) with Medicaid billing and collections.**

The contract term shall be for a period of one (1) year with two (2) one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang at [tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov](mailto:tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov) for more information.

**Angela M. Allen**  
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**Oh, deer!**



Somerville resident Phil Chisholm steeped out his front door last week to pick up his morning newspaper and was surprised to find a deer walking past him. Chisholm grabbed his phone and snapped a few pictures as the deer headed away down Wiglesworth toward Pearl St.



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Legal Notice of Public Hearing**


The Community Preservation Committee will hold a **public hearing** for all interested parties on **Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 7:00pm** in the 3rd floor community room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144.

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act funding. The draft FY18 Community Preservation Plan and other information about the Community Preservation Act in Somerville are available at [www.somervillema.gov/cpa](http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa).

Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearing and by submitting written comments through 12 noon on Thursday, July 20th by email to [kstelljes@somervillema.gov](mailto:kstelljes@somervillema.gov) or by mail to Kristen Stelljes, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Attest: Dick Bauer, Chair  
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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP # 17-73**

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

**Bike Path Retaining Wall and Drainage Upgrades**


Bid packages for may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/bidpostings> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Thursday June 15th, 2017.

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday July 13th, at 11:00am. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

**Michael Richards**  
Assistant Purchasing Director

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids for Laundry Equipment Lease and Maintenance, in various State and Federally aided elderly housing developments owned and operated by the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority's Purchasing Manager.

Contract term is 5 years Bids and are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, inclusive.


General Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., July 6, 2017 and publicly opened forthwith, at Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Bldg., 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 10:00 A.M. on June 19, 2017 or you may downloading them from our web site [www.sha-web.org](http://www.sha-web.org) under our opportunities tab. There will be no charge for these documents. If downloaded, you must contact Anthony Crespo, at [tonyc@sha-web.org](mailto:tonyc@sha-web.org) and leave a contact email to receive changes, or updates.

Bids can be mailed, or dropped off to Somerville Housing Authority, Attn.: Anthony Crespo, Laundry Equipment Lease 2017, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received by the time and date specified.

A walk through is scheduled for June 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Anthony Crespo at 617/625-1152 Extension 336 if you plan on attending.

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

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Finance on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 6:00 PM**, in the Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Finance Committee Chairman Alderman Tony Lafuente, for public input on the proposed FY 2018 budget.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.**

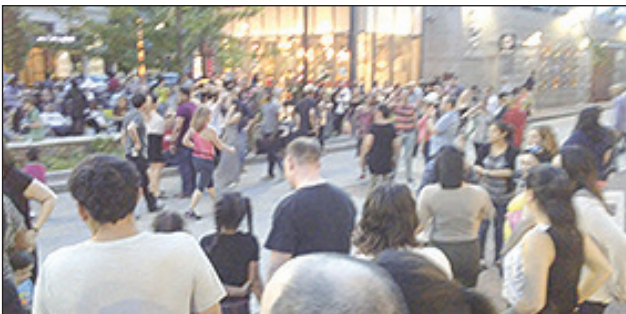


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**Salsa Dancing On The Row!**

Assembly Row at Assembly Square and Metamovements Latin Dance Company presented Salsa Dancing On The Row! on Friday, June 9. The event celebrated #10yearsofMM at the Somerville Salsa Series this summer to promote health and wellness while celebrating new developments in Assembly Row. A free Salsa On1 class, social dancing and timba lines were offered. The next events are scheduled for July 7 and August 4, 6:00–8:00 p.m. This series is supported in part by a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

— Photos by Donald Norton



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|June 14

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

**Central Library**  
Teen Game Day  
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday|June 15**

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

**Central Library**  
Robotics Team Planning Meeting  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Central Library**  
Lego Club  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Friday|June 16**

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

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

**Saturday|June 17**  
Libraries Closed

**Monday|June 19**

**Central Library**  
Sing Along  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Jungle Jim’s Minecraft Madness!  
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|June 20**

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

**Central Library**  
Somerville High School Anime Club  
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|June 21**

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

MUSIC|ARTS  
Wednesday|June 14

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
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**Thunder Road**  
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night  
Grateful Dead Residency  
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**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
The Moth: True Stories Told Live  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
The Wolff Sisters  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic  
7p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Thursday|June 15**

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays|7: 30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Wintermute  
The Water Cycle  
Winterhill  
Massachusetts  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

**Thunder Road**  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

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

**The Rockwell**  
Something Big with Ryan Donahue and Jeff Scheen  
8:30 p.m.|255 Elm

**Arts at the Armory**  
Castle of Comedy  
9 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|June 16**

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Jimmy Ryan presents Architects of Reason vs Nocturnal Adoration Society |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Water |9p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Futurecastle: A Joint Performance by Rare Futures and Gavin Castleton  
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

**Samba Bar & Grille**  
Live music  
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Boycott!|6:30 p.m.  
School of HONK Mentors8:30 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Urbanity Dance  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|June 17**

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
One Thin Dime |6 p.m.  
Daniel Reinstein & Pareidolia, Steve Walther Orchestra,

Ryan Alvanos and Hook, Line & Sink-er \$5 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Kid Gulliver  
Pulitzer Prize Fighter  
TIOGA  
KateTaylorMighty  
5:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

**On the Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

**Bull McCabe’s**  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**  
DJ El Sid!  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Disco Saturdays @ Pop Icon Brunch  
Thunder Road|11 a.m.  
Beatlejuice – Boston’s Best Tribute To The Beatles!|8 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Charly Bliss  
Yucky Duster, Lost Dog  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Forrest Presents|8 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
An Acoustic Evening with The Most Americans  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe  
An Evening with the Solo Guitar Of Peter Ciluzzi  
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|June 18**

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

**The Burren**  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Carrie Underwood Tribute Brunch: “(Maybe Next Time He’ll Brunch) Before He Cheats”|10 a.m.  
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma|7 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Sera Cahoone  
Patrick Coman  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Somerville Ukulele Players|2 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Divestment Victory Party hosted by Fossil Free Somerville  
4 p.m.|Café  
Teatro Brasileiro de Boston: The Three Little Pigs in an Enchanted Forest  
5 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Jammin’ with the Elderberries

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Monday|June 19**

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

**The Burren**  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Chris Borelli  
Re-surch  
Bean\$tock  
S.M.P  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Stump! Team Trivia  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
Morningbird (Indie/Rock)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Sloth Machine  
Tad Overbaugh  
8 p.m.|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 20**

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
SYM-Jam Tuesdays|8 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’s Lounge**  
Open Mic Night  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Breaking the Band New Talent Showcase  
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Mike Oliver Benefit & Appreciation Party  
Scissorfight, Worshipper, The Humanoids, Hey Zeus, Test Meat  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
First and Last Word Poetry  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|June 21**

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Backroom Series:  
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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**Thunder Road**  
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8 p.m.| 379 Somerville Ave

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

**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Union Square Somerville Playlist presents  
6 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
RVRSR Album Release  
9 p.m.|255 Elm St

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|June 14

**Central Library**  
Board of Library Trustees Meeting  
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Indivisible Somerville  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday|June 15**

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

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

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

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

**Saturday|June 17**

**Libraries closed**

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

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

**Sunday|June 18**

**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

**Monday|June 19**

**Central Library**  
Winning Increased Community Benefit  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

**Central Library**  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|June 20**

**Central Library**  
Business Counseling and Mentoring (Free)  
10 a.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Wednesday|June 21**

**Central Library**  
Action Together-Camberville Meet & Greet  
6 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**All clubs and groups welcome new members.**

**Holland Street:** 167 Holland Street

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

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

**Cross Street Center:** 165 Broadway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Planning for the Future** – Thursday, June 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Planning for the future can be difficult. It’s never too early to look at securing your future. To register call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Cracker Barrel/Walmart** – Wednesday, June 21 - \$10 cost covers transportation. Lunch and shopping on your own. Check in 8:45 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. Please call Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

**Afternoon At The Movies** – Tuesday, June 27 – 12:30

p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This month’s movie is Hidden Figures. Please reserve your spot by calling Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

**JFK Museum & Venezia Restaurant** – Monday, July 10 - \$20 – includes transportation, museum and restaurant. Check in 9:00 a.m. at Holland and 9:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 3:30 p.m. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**The Edwards Twin Master Impersonators** – Thursday, July 20 at the Stoneham Theater - \$40 per person for the play – check in at 1:15 p.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. Dinner at WAXY O’Connor’s after play is on your own. Please call Kim or Connie for more information at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

**Niagara/Toronto** – Monday, September 4 to Thursday, September 7th - \$488 per person double - \$585 per person single includes motor coach transportation, lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, a bottle of Niagara wine and so much more. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Kim or Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Planning for Medicare/A Countdown to 65** – Thursday, September 14 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be speaking about various Medicare topics. For more information please contact Ashley or Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**One Night in Memphis** – Thursday, September 21 - \$83 per person includes transportation, lunch and show at Venus De Milo. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

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

The day trip to Castle Island scheduled for Friday, July 14th is SOLD OUT.

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

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

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

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for October 24th to October 31st is SOLD OUT.

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

## LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life** - Fitness and Nutrition Classes.

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

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

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

## STAY ACTIVE:

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

## Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

### Mondays:

9:00 Walking Club (H)  
11:00 Tai Chi (H)  
1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

### Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)  
11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

### Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise  
9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition  
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise  
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition  
11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H)  
12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition  
1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise  
5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

### Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H)  
9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)  
11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)  
6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\*(H)

### Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise  
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise  
\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

### Every Monday

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

### Every Tuesday

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

### Every Wednesday

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

### Every Thursday

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

### Every Friday

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

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

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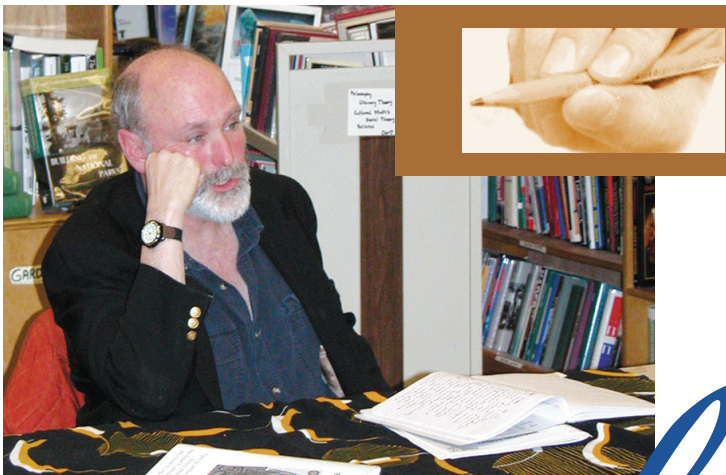
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7:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	4:00pm	Words on Film	2:30pm	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	(LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Science 360	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
11:00am	DW Global 3000	11:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	The Struggle
11:30am	Hello Neighbor!	<b>Friday, June 16</b>		9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Start Up TV Boston
1:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
1:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	9:00am	Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves	<b>Sunday, June 18</b>		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
2:30pm	Road To Recovery	10:00am	Greater Somerville	6:00am	Hello Neighbor!	10:00pm	DW Tomorrow Today
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	NASA X	6:30am	Eckankar	10:30pm	NASA X
4:00pm	Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	The Story of Stuff	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	11:00pm	The Folklorist
5:00pm	Art at SCATV	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>	
5:30pm	Justicia Migrante	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
6:00pm	Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:00am	Aging Well	7:30am	Art at SCAT
7:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:30pm	SCOUTV	12:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
9:30pm	Beyond Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	11:00am	What's Left
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction	11:30am	Legacies
<b>Thursday, June 15</b>				4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts	5:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley	1:00pm	(LIVE) Words on Film
7:30am	Esoteric Science	6:00pm	Real Estate Answers	6:00pm	DW In Good Shape	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	The Language of Business	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
9:00am	SCATV Throwback Thursday	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	7:00pm	African Television Network	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	7:30pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00pm	Telemagazine	4:00pm	Aging Well
10:00am	Dead Air Live	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	9:00pm	Public Domain Film Festival	4:30pm	The Struggle
11:00am	Greater Somerville	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:30am	What's Left	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	<b>Saturday, June 17</b>		<b>Monday, June 19</b>			
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00pm	What's New Massachusetts?
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am	Health is Wealth	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest
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5:30pm	Legacies	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	11:00am	Art at SCATV	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	11:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	10:00pm	Real Estate Answers
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<b>Wednesday, June 14</b>							
9:00am	Memorial on the Mystic	6:30pm	Connecting Communities - Take Back Day	1:51am	SomerViva	1:30pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017
12:00pm	Somerville Community Choice Electricity	7:00pm	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil	2:13am	Connecting Communities - Take Back Day	1:42pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
12:15pm	2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	7:30pm	SomerViva en Español	9:00am	Week of the Young Child	6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole - LIVE
1:35pm	Connecting Communities - Take Back Day	8:00pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	9:35am	SomerViva	<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>	
2:04pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	8:12pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00am	Somerville Community Choice Electricity
2:33pm	SomerViva en Español	8:31pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30pm	Somerville Community Choice Electricity	12:15am	Porchfest 2017
6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole	9:00pm	Memorial Day Parade 2017	12:45pm	FY18 Sewer & Water Rates Hearing	1:13am	Nunziato Park & Stormwater Meeting
<b>Thursday, June 15</b>				1:37pm	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol
8:00am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	10:47pm	Porchfest 2017	6:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:30am	SomerViva
9:00am	SomerStreets: Carnaval	<b>Saturday, June 17</b>		7:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
10:00am	Memorial Day Parade 2017	12:00am	Pride Flag Raising 2017	7:30pm	Memorial on the Mystic	12:30pm	Memorial Day Parade 2017
12:00pm	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	12:12am	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil	9:05pm	An Economic History of Somerville	2:17pm	SomerViva en Espanol
2:00pm	Porchfest 2017	9:00am	Jane's Walk	10:15pm	An Economic History of Somerville	3:00pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
3:00pm	SomerViva em Português	10:19am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	<b>Monday, June 19</b>		6:30pm	SomerViva em Português
6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole	12:00pm	Week of the Young Child	12:00am	Senior Circuit	7:00pm	Senior Circuit
<b>Friday, June 16</b>				12:30am	Connecting Communities - Take Back Day	8:00pm	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil
12:00am	BOA Land Use Committee Meeting	12:35pm	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	1:00am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	8:30pm	Week of the Young Child
9:00am	An Economic History of Somerville	2:32pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	1:18am	Pride Flag Raising 2017	9:05pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly
10:09am	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm	SomerStreets: Carnaval	1:31am	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	9:35pm	Congressional Update
12:00pm	Memorial on the Mystic	7:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	2:01am	An Economic History of Somerville	10:04pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017
1:35pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	8:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 6.13.17	9:00am	Life Resurrected	10:17pm	Jane's Walk
2:00pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	<b>Sunday, June 18</b>		10:00am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>	
2:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:00am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	10:30am	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00am	Senior Circuit
		12:30am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:00pm	Porchfest 2017	12:30am	SomerStreets: Carnaval
		12:48am	Pride Flag Raising 2017	1:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1:30am	Memorial on the Mystic
		1:01am	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil				
		1:30am	SomerViva en Español				

Educational TV 15 Schedule

<b>Wednesday, June 14</b>							
9:00am	2017 SHS Graduation	9:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	6:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball	5:00pm	WSNS Science Fair
11:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert	10:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	8:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	6:00pm	Argenziano Spring Concert
12:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet	<b>Friday, June 16</b>		10:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet	7:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
1:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	12:30am	2017 SHS Graduation	11:00pm	WSNS Science Fair	9:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball
4:00pm	2017 SHS Graduation	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	<b>Sunday, June 18</b>		11:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert
6:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	9:00am	SHS Prom Red Carpet	12:00am	Boys' Middle School Basketball	<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>	
7:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet	10:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert	1:30am	Girls' Middle School Basketball	12:00am	2017 SHS Graduation
8:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	11:00am	2017 SHS Graduation	4:00am	Public Domain Theater	2:00am	Public Domain Theater
11:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	1:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball	9:00am	Argenziano Spring Concert	8:30am	SHS Prom Red Carpet
<b>Thursday, June 15</b>				10:00am	Girls' Middle School Basketball	9:30am	El Sistema Spring Concert
12:00am	SHS Prom Red Carpet	2:30pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	12:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	10:30am	2017 SHS Graduation
1:00am	2017 SHS Graduation	5:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet	2:00pm	WSNS Science Fair	12:30pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
9:00am	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	6:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	3:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	2:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball
10:00am	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	7:00pm	2017 SHS Graduation	6:00pm	Argenziano Spring Concert	4:30pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet
10:30am	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	9:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball	7:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball	5:30pm	El Sistema Spring Concert
11:00am	SHS Chamber Strings and Viol de Gamba	10:30pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	9:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	6:30pm	2017 SHS Graduation
12:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet	<b>Saturday, June 17</b>		11:00pm	WSNS Science Fair	8:30pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
1:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	12:00am	Boys' Middle School Basketball	<b>Monday, June 19</b>		10:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball
2:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	1:30am	Girls' Middle School Basketball	12:00am	2017 SHS Class Day	<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>	
5:00pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	4:00am	Public Domain Theater	2:30am	WSNS Science Fair	12:00am	WSNS Science Fair
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# Robert Creeley at the Wilderness House in Littleton, Mass.

Here is an article from the archives about my experience with the late poet Robert Creeley. Shortly before his death I had the pleasure to spend an afternoon with Robert Creeley. The Wilderness House Literary Retreat founded by Steve Glines hosted him, and I happened to be on the board for the retreat. The retreat closed after a few years, but we had quite a few interesting guests like Lois Ames, Afaa Michael Weaver, and a number of others...



Robert Creeley, the great poet at Harvard Institute poetry commune house, summer 1960s. July 1984, he sat petting with the across supportive Allen Ginsberg and Pound.

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### St. Peter of Monmartre

Jesus has been restored and looms above  
the altar, glowing white and gold holding

up two fingers for quiet and peace in front  
of a mosaic blue that lights the room

full of warm wood and solid stone adored  
for centuries and not about to leave.

After lighting candles for all of you  
I knelt on my knees, on a wooden pew:

for Ruth, Al, and all down at Moss Wood Glen,  
for Grandma Schooling and Kansas City.

For dad, his brothers, Jerry, and grammie.  
Nana, grampa, Billy, Jane, and Betsey.

For you my love who has made me alive.  
For both our children who you brought to life

— Kevin Gallagher

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It is always exciting to help start a new literary venture. Steve Glines, the founder of the “Wilderness House Literary Retreat” in Littleton, Mass., asked me to be a founding board member last summer, and finally on Dec. 11, 2004 we had our first event.

We managed to get the renowned poet Robert Creeley as our first guest. Lo Galluccio, a poet and a friend of mine, joined me and we caught a train out of Porter Square, Cambridge to the hinterlands of Littleton, Mass. Steve Glines met us there and ferried us up to the “New England Forestry Foundation” lodge where the first event was to be held. The actual hunting lodge, where the retreat will be housed hopefully by the late summer of 2005, is currently being renovated. Later, we inspected the premises, and found it full of promise, not to mention a spectacular view of the nature preserve below.

Lo and I sat down in a spacious room in the NEFF lodge, and enjoyed the crackling fireplace. Creeley was the first to arrive and looked amazingly hale and hearty, and much younger than his 78 years.

The event was advertised as a “chat” with Creeley, and that’s exactly what it was, a “chat,” not a formal lecture. Creeley was free to ramble on about his fascinating career as a literary legend. He talked about the many poets he knew; his years at the experimental “Black Mountain College,” to his experience with Jazz greats such as Miles Davis, to name one illustrious figure.

Creeley, who grew up in Acton, Mass., has strong connections to Littleton, the home of the retreat. As a kid he swam at Long Lake that is just down the road from the retreat. Creeley was surprised that the natural beauty of the area has been preserved. Creeley felt that he could now thumb his nose at neighboring Concord that always had a better literary pedigree than Acton and Littleton. Creeley, tongue firmly in his cheek stated, “I am glad to thumb my nose at Concord.”

Creeley, who taught at the “Black Mountain College,” which in the 1940’s and 50’s was an innovative avant-garde institution located in North Carolina. Folks like Merce Cunningham, John Wieners, Robert Motherwell, Buckminster Fuller, Charles Olsen, and others taught there or were students.

Creeley, who attended Harvard, was less than enthusiastic about the years he spent there. He stated, “Harvard makes everyone feel like an outsider.” He said there was not a welcoming feeling there, and he felt inhibited to approach the formidable and often aloof professors. He said his literature professor at the time excluded the works of Hart Crane, Ezra Pound, and Wallace Stevens, much to his dismay.

Creeley told the audience that at first he wanted to be a prose writer. He laughed, “I had a naive sense of supporting a family writing a novel.” However, a publisher told him his novel was all about transitions; nothing ever happened. So Creeley decided to concentrate on poetry.

Creeley had a plethora of anecdotes about poets he knew like Allen Ginsberg and Anne Sexton. He recalled Sexton demanding a six-pack of beer before a reading she was to do in Buffalo, NY, that he organized. Ginsberg, commenting on the brevity of Creeley’s poems told him; “What a big book you wrote with such little poems.”

Creeley talked a bit about his own poetry and process. Surprisingly, he said he doesn’t make drafts of poems. If the poem doesn’t work he simply throws it away. He reminded the audience that writing poetry should be fun, not some solemn, painful process. He remembers William Carlos Williams saying, “Maybe we should tell them it’s fun.”

Creeley feels that poetry should be more about the act of “making,” than the final product. He rails against proponents of strict dogma regarding poetic form. He feels there cannot be “set” rules for an art form we cannot define.

The afternoon went quickly, as Creeley was as an engaging presence. The author Lois Ames was in the audience, and she and Creeley had a fascinating back and forth about Plath and Sexton, both of whom Ames has written extensively about.

Lo and I shook hands with the great man, and of course gave him a few “Ibbetson” books on our way out. We both thanked our lucky charms for this unique experience.

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