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City opposes immigration policy separating children from parents

By Jim Clark

A resolution was introduced and passed at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Alderman last Thursday, June 14, opposing the controversial zero tolerance policy imposed by the national administration which separates children from their parents.

The resolution in full reads as follows:

WHEREAS: The City of Somerville has a long history of supporting, valuing and respecting immigrants regardless of their immigration status; and WHEREAS: The City of Somerville believes that families are a core and vital building block of the community; and WHEREAS: The City of Somerville recognizes that children growing up without their parents(s) suffer lasting negative impacts on their development; and WHEREAS: In light of the Trump Administration's

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The City of Somerville's Board of Aldermen passed a resolution expressing their opposition to the "zero tolerance" measures taken by immigration authorities on the nation's southern border.

Harmony applies to life just as it does to music

By Courtney Young

Harmony is defined as “the quality of forming a pleasing and consistent whole” and was exhibited as such on Saturday afternoon at Nathan Tufts Park as attendees of *Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest* embraced the harmonious atmosphere.

One may think that after the highlights of Porchfest nothing could come close, but the most recent free Jazz Fest in Powder House Square brought the community together to enjoy the sultry, soulful tunes of regional artists stretching from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Featured in the line-up were the talents of the Somerville High School Jazz Band, Sugar & The Essential Spice, Jan Marie and the Mean Reds, The David Arteaga Quartet, The Coffee Grinders, and Erin Harpe and the Delta Swingers.

Presented by both Mayor Joseph A. Curatone and the Somerville Arts Council, SAC's Gregory Jenkins hosted the six-hour

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Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest entertained music lovers last Saturday afternoon in Nathan Tufts Park.

—Photo by Courtney Young



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So far the **July 4th fireworks** at **Trum Field**, which is scheduled for **Thursday, June 28**, as of this week has not been cancelled. Let's hope whoever is in charge of the event allows it to go on this year as scheduled. But how many want to bet that the city fireworks – which are not done on July 4th – will be canceled? What will be the excuse? Maybe it's too hot? You fill in the blanks!

We're asking why **the Sunsetters**, which was revived by the **Curtatone administration** years ago, is completely cancelled this year. That's too bad for those talented kids and neighbors that enjoyed the shows in the various neighborhoods. We wonder what is going on and why.

Have you noticed that **traffic** is getting worse and worse here in the city? No matter where you go or when, it's just getting to be too much. And now the city wants to build an additional 9K rental units.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a great lady and good friend, **Gail Chambers**, formerly of Central Hill but here in the city daily. A great lady and fun to talk to, we wish her a fantastic birthday. Happy birthday to one of our own who used to write for *The Times*, **Jack Nicas** is celebrating as well. We wish him a great birthday. Another nice guy, a very talented writer and a true journalist, presently working for the *New York Times*. Happy birthday to one of the best paralegals both here in the city and most anywhere, **Paula LeBlanc**. A nice lady, who has lots of great stories of Somerville's past and still lives and works here. Happy birthday to a great guy, **Steven Mirabella**, who is from here and his family is still here. He's a great electrician as well. We remember Steve from years ago when he first started in the business. Another happy birthday to local Somerville guy, **Joe Grafton**, a hard worker and a good guy. We hope has a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Senator Sal DiDomenico**, even though he doesn't represent East Somerville anymore, he's still always interested in what is going on. *Continued on page 11*

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Walnut St. construction will continue 'by-right'

BMac says:
Aldermen need to pass the new Zoning so that construction that does not fit the form of the neighborhood is harder to get through.
But the won't because developers do not like it.

LindaS says:
Just another case of developer's rights over residents, which always comes down to money in the end. Developers have it, we don't, so you know who the city's going to listen to.
Don't residents have a "by-right" law, too? If not, why not? Is anything EVER changed here due to residents complaining? Someone please tell me if there is, because I personally haven't heard of anything.
They should change the city name from Somerville to "Construction City," because that's all you ever see these days. Or maybe "Development City," to cater yet again to developers with big bucks.

Response to: Unable to park in driveway, ready to kill

Harry says:
"Retired officer 96" you sound uneducated. And stop sucking up and running PR. No one cares if the construction workers and the cop were mensches or not. You are not winning any brownie points by sucking up, so shut up.

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:
"Harry": You sound like a complete jerk and an idiot. Maybe you're actually the subject of this article?

Retired officer 96 says:
Harry: your remark are idiotic and offensive. I don't need to suck up to anybody, I was supporting my brother officers who were arresting a homophobic assaulter who violated the laws of this state. By assuming I'm uneducated tells me your an elitists who assumes everyone else is uneducated. By telling me to shut up using this venue tells me your a coward. You probably had some involvement with police And it didn't go your way. Either your a part of the problem or part of the solution. Harry you are the problem. There's an old saying "you can't put a shine on a pair of sneakers". Harry you are a pair of sneakers.

Response to: Newstalk – June 13

I'm hearing says:
I'm hearing these pornographic pics of a first time Ward Alderman are vulgar, gross and sure to sink his political career. These pictures are sure to be the talk of the town when they surface during his re-election campaign.

Villinous says:
I've heard a lot of accusations like these supposed pictures over the years. I assume it's hot air until something actually surfaces. There's really no reason it should wait for the next election. I mean, maybe they are real, but maybe it's all made up.

Matt says:
I often wonder why people focus on what happens in a public figures consensual relationships... if you have an issue with policy, lets focus on that. I'd like to think the paper is better than idle gossip.

Courtney O'Keefe says:
I wish you were around when I was an Alderman, Matt. I couldn't agree more.

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John Connolly

New funding for Energy Conservation Commission

By Ian Erlichman

In 1630, most of East Somerville was coastline, and all of the Inner Belt District was completely submerged. According to National Geographic, this area and most all of Boston is built on trash, mud, and reallocated hills from the surrounding area.

The same article mentions that Boston rests on over 5,000 acres of man made land, more than any other U.S. city. That means Boston, and surrounding cities like East Somerville, are uniquely vulnerable to changes in water level. Confusingly, water table fluctuations in either direction, up or down, could spell trouble for America's city on the hill.

But a group of five meet in City hall on the fourth Tuesday of every month to help solve that problem.

Somerville's Energy Conservation Commission has received a grant of "\$350,000, one of the highest in the whole program," according to Oliver Sellers-Garcia, the Director of Sustainability and Environment, and leading member of the commission.

This newfound funding "will allow storm water drain modeling to be done at a higher resolution" with smaller drain pipes that allows for coverage of more streets said Director Sellers-Garcia. The commission will use this data to "look at the outputs of the model and issue early warnings for flood-affected neighborhoods," he continued.

The model would also investigate the water filtration and absorption benefits of already present ecosystems, referred to as "green infrastructure." A report on the benefits of green infrastructure in Somerville found that "the total computed benefit of trees in Somerville including both air pollution and storm water is \$12,945,117."

But the Somerville Energy Conservation Commission does much more than flood water analysis. The group worked to assess sources of carbon emissions in Somerville and brainstormed possible alternatives to carbon producing systems.

Soon, the final stage in Somerville's Climate Forward Plan will be complete. The commission will release an "implementation heavy initiative" that sets concrete goals to move towards the city's 2050 carbon neutrality goal, according to Director Sellers-Garcia

The aim to shrink carbon emissions in Somerville to a net-zero level by 2050 is a goal that Mayor Curtatone admitted may be called ambitious, according to the Sustainville website. However, environmental prescience could prevent climate change effects like drought, more intense storms, and heightened sea level.

The effects of drought and heightened sea level hold special significance for low-elevation areas like East Somerville and Boston. These areas are built on man-made land, and more precisely, on tall subterranean stilts. When early Bostonians were expanding the surround



Several EV charging stations have been installed in the city to date, with even more hopefully on the way in the near future.

coastline, they need something stiff to construct cities on: so, they used stilts. These underground poles are used to stabilize today's buildings, linking surface structures to a sturdy layer of clay beneath shifting piles of mud and refuse.

Preserved from degradation by a buffer of water, if these century old stilts meet air, hungry bacteria would weaken their integrity and the surface buildings they support. However, some Somerville Citizens are working to prevent this.

The Energy Conservation Commission is attempting to stop extreme changes in the height of Somerville's water table in either direction, both of which would result in disastrous structural damage to surface structures. Whether it be storm drain analysis and improvement, or trying to prevent the sweeping effects of climate change, this commission is staying true to its goal of "preserving and protecting Somerville's natural environment."

Because of that goal's broadness and the commission's relentless passion for preserving the environment, it tackles an even larger set of issues than those al-

ready mentioned. These include electric vehicle (EV) subsidies, EV charging stations, renter and landlord energy reform solutions, and green infrastructure.

On the automotive front, the commission is working on "getting EV charging stations in more residential areas" to meet the needs of Somerville's burgeoning EV market. However, "we don't want to put policies in place that separate more and more who get to have an electric vehicle," noted Director Seller-Garcia

The group is also working to gather data and focus more programs on the renter demographic since "the commission has taken on a couple projects ... and they've all been orientated toward a primarily owner-based population," said one commission member. "Two thirds of units are renter occupied in the city and we wanted to come up with a suite of initiatives that target that population," she continued.

Be sure to stop by the Energy Conservation Commission monthly meeting, held at Somerville City Hall, on the fourth Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m.



Management of the height of Somerville's water table is a top priority for the Commission.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A case of intentionally mistaken identity

Police received reports of a stolen credit card and U.S Passport last week. The victim reported his credit card and passport missing from his room at Sydney St. location. The victim also reported that his credit card was used at multiple locations throughout the city.

The victim was able to provide a list of locations where his card was used, furnished by his bank.

An investigating officer spoke with the manager of the Speedway gas station on McGrath Hwy., who immediately pulled video footage of the illegal transaction of \$205.72.

Police quickly identified the suspect as Michael Shippee. The manager provided the officer with still photos of the transaction, along with a copy of the video.

The next location was the Stop and Shop on McGrath Hwy. The credit card in question was charged \$65.27 at this location. The officer spoke to the store manager in regards to obtaining

video footage of the transaction. The manager the officer that he would need to make a formal request to their security company.

The third location was a convenience store located on Mystic Ave. A store employee provided video footage of Shippee once again allegedly using the same stolen credit card to purchase groceries and cigarettes.

Shippee conducted two separate transactions on this occasion, the first for \$36 and the second for \$107.50. Shippee at some point on the same day used the credit card at the K2 Beer and Wine shop on Medford St. The total charged at this location was \$661.67, and was done by two separate transactions on the same visit.

An additional victim in this case is the M and M Convenience store on Main St. in Somerville. Shippee was reportedly able to charge \$420 worth of cigarettes on the card with the assistance of the stolen U.S. Passport.

The last store on Shippee's shopping spree was the Broadway Market on Broadway, where he successfully charged an additional \$321 in cigarettes.

After leaving the Broadway Market, the officer was informed by another officer that he would be able to contact Shippee if that was something he would like him to do. The officer explained everything that was going on, and advised him to place a call to Shippee to see if he would like to talk.

Moments later the officer was informed that Shippee was very willing to talk, and he would meet the officers at the police station.

While at the station waiting for Shippee, the assisting officer sent him a text asking where he was? Shippee in turn called the officer back and explained that he was at the Rite Aid on Broadway in Somerville. An offer was made to pick Shippee up due to it raining at the time. Shippee accepted the

offer, and the officers proceeded to the Rite Aid.

Upon arrival, Shippee approached the officers he was asked if they could escort him to the police station to have a conversation in regards to the credit card use.

Once at the station, the officers escorted Shippee to an audio and video recording room. After the recording system was activated, Shippee was read his rights pursuant to Miranda. Shippee reportedly acknowledged that he understood and signed a form to that effect.

The investigating officer then asked Shippee if he knew why he wanted to talk to him. He reportedly replied, "The credit card."

The officer explained to Shippee how he became involved in the case, and would like to hear his side of the story. Shippee reportedly admitted, on video, that he was responsible for the charges to the credit card at all of the locations.

Shippee at no point denied using the card, and in fact wanted to pay restitution. After a brief interview, Shippee explained that he obtained the U.S. Passport first, and that is what gave him the idea of taking the credit card.

He reportedly explained that the passport was located in the common bathroom of their rooming house when he took it. The credit card was taken next, while it sat on the kitchen table.

Shippee was asked why he did what he did, and reportedly replied, "Because he owes me money."

Shippee discarded the credit card after it was declined at the Stop and Shop, but not before it was used successfully.

Shippee was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with larceny from a building, larceny under \$1200, receiving a stolen credit card, identity fraud, forgery of document, and improper use of credit card under \$1200.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG			
Arrests:			
Michael Shippee, of 54 Sydney St., June 13, 3:59 p.m., arrested at Washing-	ton St. on charges of larceny from a building, larceny under \$1200, receiving a stolen credit card, identity fraud,	forgery of document, and improper use of credit card under \$1200.	
	Samuel Vilsaint, of 14 Har-	vard St., Dorchester, June 16, 2:17 p.m., arrested at Wash-	\$1200, receiving a stolen credit
		ington St. on charges of larceny	card, identity fraud, forgery of
		from a building, larceny under	document, and improper use of
			credit card under \$1200.

City opposes immigration policy separating children from parents

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far-reaching Zero Tolerance Policy which separates children and their families, threatening the moral core of our nation; and WHEREAS: The City of Somerville recognizes the United Nations' position that the Zero Tolerance Policy violates international law; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor of Somerville and Somerville's Board of Aldermen affirm the rights of all families, regardless of immigration status to be together; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mayor of Somerville and Somerville's Board of Aldermen support the elimination of the Zero Tolerance Policy that sepa-

rates families and mentally abuses people; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution to Congressman Michael Capuano and Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren on behalf of the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor of Somerville.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin said, "Today is a day of the week, so it's a friendly reminder that the Trump administration is out of control, and that nothing that is happening here is normal. I was asked to submit this resolution and I support it. The zero tolerance policy, which I'm sure everyone has seen, chil-

dren separated from their parents, put in cages like animals. Boston Cardinal O'Malley has said that this is morally unacceptable, and this is just a reminder that the new normal is not normal or acceptable."

Ben Echevarria from the Welcome Project addressed the Board on the matter saying, "The first thing I want to do is to actually apologize. Zero tolerance policy, when it first came out, myself - like so many others - were like well, let's play a wait and see game. Is this for real? Is this not for real? And what's happened is - and continues to happen - is just heartbreaking. Every day we're seeing and hearing from all over this coun-

try families that are being torn apart. I was connected with a group where Ohio just had the raids over the weekend, and literally I was talking to people who were telling me they have no idea where their children are. None whatsoever. Now, so many of you all are parents. Can you imagine just because, for some unknown reason, that you just passed an imaginary border, your child is taken away from you. You have no idea where they are. You don't know if they're safe. You don't know anything. And you still have in front of you you're still in detention, you're still trying to figure out what's going on there. Now you have this whole other situation

going on. So for me it's just been so heartbreaking. I hear these stories over and over again. And to hear it today, and literally while I was out at another event in Framingham, talking to the Brazilian community and hearing their stories. And all I can say is it's time that we start to do something. And the way we do that is by municipalities like Somerville taking a stand, and pushing other municipalities to do the same. And then you push the state, and the the state starts pushing other states. Because the only way we're going to fix this is if we begin to say enough is enough. And that's what this is about. It's just saying enough is enough."

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Bunker Hill Monument Tradition continues

By Donald Norton

The members of King Solomon’s Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Highland Avenue Somerville joined together in Charlestown this past Sunday, June 17, to commemorate not only the battle of Bunker Hill, but the monument itself. The annual ceremony for the monument took place before a good crowd of townie’s and visitors.

In 1794, Farmer Russell deeded the land where the monument is today to King Solomon’s Masonic Lodge, which at the time met at the Warren Tavern in Thompson Square.

The deed was signed by Governor Samuel Adams.

The monument was built by the lodge in memory of the many who died at the battle, but in particular Maj. General Joseph Warren, who at the time of the battle was the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

The lodge was chartered September 5, 1783, just two days after the signing of the peace treaty for independence from Great Britain. At that time, Somerville was a continuation of Charlestown beyond the Neck, until it broke away in the early 1800’s.

King Solomon’s Lodge moved to Somerville and built a beau-

tiful Masonic Lodge Hall at Gilman Square on the corner of Pearl and Marshall streets, until the second fire in 1969 destroyed the building beyond repair.

The lodge is now located now at 125 Highland Avenue (rear) in Somerville and is growing steadily. Every year the lodge celebrates those that died in the battle and lately has joined forces with the Bunker Hill Monument Association.

For more information on the lodge, they will be rolling out a new website over the summer: www.kingsolomonslodge.com, but you can see it as well on Facebook.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of June 4-8.

NO ROLL CALL ON "RED FLAG" GUN BILL (H 4517)

Senate approved, without a roll call vote, a bill that would allow family or household members to petition the courts to issue an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) that would suspend a person's license to carry a firearm and order him or her to surrender his or her firearms and ammunition if he or she is believed to be a danger to themselves or others.

It takes only seven of the Senate's current 48 members to request a roll call vote. Not one senator made a motion to have a roll call on the bill.

Beacon Hill Roll Call emailed all 38 senators and asked why they didn't request a roll call on the bill. Only four senators responded.

"It's my understanding that there will be a roll call on the final step which is enactment," said Sen. Barbara L'Italien (D-Andover).

"Customarily the sponsor of the bill or amendment would request a roll call base on knowing if there is sufficient support for such request," said Sen. Dean Tran (R-Leominster).

"No senator requested a roll call but it is possible there will be one upon enactment," responded Richard Powell, chief of staff for Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton).

Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives (D-Newburyport) did attempt to reach us by phone but was unsuccessful.

"I applaud the Senate's historic vote on the House ERPO legislation," said John Rosenthal, the co-founder and chair of the group Stop Handgun Violence. "When signed by Governor Baker, this new law will save lives and countless grief from preventable gun violence and suicides in the commonwealth. Thanks to bipartisan leadership over the past 20 years, Massachusetts has enacted the most effective gun laws and has the lowest gun death rate in the nation. This new common-sense gun violence prevention law will further prove that gun laws work without any inconvenience to law abiding gun owners."

"I'm proud of the work done with my colleagues to pass a bill which will save lives. It was important that I worked with people across the commonwealth to achieve this," said Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge) the original author of the bill. "The role of young people and students in advocating for the bill is not to be missed."

"We had an historic opportunity to really address suicide and mental health," said Jim Wallace, Executive Director of the Gun Owners Action League of Massachusetts, the local affiliate of the National Rifle Association. "I think suicide will continue to increase because we lost the opportunity to have a positive effect in reducing it and unfortunately this turned into a gun debate rather than a mental health project. Very few suicides in Massachusetts are gun-related, and law-

makers passed up a chance to actually do something about suicide. We tried in vain to put together a lot of mental health things that would have vastly improved the bill that stands before us now." Wallace added that there are also still several due process and property rights issues. He said he tried to fix all of those things but the proponents rejected them.

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

INVEST \$472 MILLION IN BIOTECH INDUSTRY (H 4572)

House 145-3, Senate 33-5, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill that would authorize \$472 million in bonds for the Massachusetts Life Sciences Investment Fund with an emphasis on capital grants to increase diversity and opportunity in the Bay State life sciences and biotech industries. The bill is aimed at continued job growth through capital grants that advance education, workforce development, early-stage company growth through spaces dedicated to life sciences companies, advanced bio-manufacturing and scientific innovation.

Provisions include \$47 million for an integrated biotechnology and precision manufacturing research and training facility at the University of Massachusetts Amherst; \$10 million for grants to community colleges or vocational-technical schools that collaborate with the industry; an increase from \$25 million to \$30 million annually in the statutory cap on the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program; and other tax incentives.

Supporters said the \$650 million of state money invested in the biotech industry in the past decade has generated about \$4.3 billion in economic activity and created thousands of new jobs. They said this package should result in similar economic development and jobs

Opponents said the state should be investing in education, affordable housing, transportation, human services and health care instead of the bio tech industry. They argued expanding an unnecessary corporate tax break is done at the expense of other more worthwhile programs and is not necessary for the expansion of the life sciences industry.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Didn't Vote
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

PROTECT ANIMALS (H 4565)

House 147-0, approved a bill to protect the health and safety of animals. Provisions include requiring that animal abuse be reported by employees of the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Elder Affairs and the Disabled Persons Protection Commission in the course of their work; increasing prison terms and fines for abuse of an animal; prohibiting anyone from having sex with an animal; prohibiting the drowning of animals; repealing a current requirement that animals involved in illegal animal fighting automatically be killed and instead creating other options for these animals; prohibiting insurance companies from refusing insurance coverage and housing authorities from refusing to rent to a potential renter based on a specific breed; and requiring property owners and landlords to check property

for abandoned animals within three days following a foreclosure or end of tenancy. Supporters said the bill is long overdue and will protect many animals from injury, abuse and death. "Protecting the welfare of animals is embedded in our values as a commonwealth," said House Ways and Means chair Jeff Sanchez (D-Boston). "Animal welfare reflects the broader public safety concerns at the center of many conversations today." Sanchez continued, "Current research conducted by Northeastern University and the MSCPAs shows compelling evidence for the link between animal abuse and violence toward humans. The study found a person who committed animal abuse is five times more likely to commit violence against people."

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Didn't Vote
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

AGE FOR POLICE AND FIRE (S 2011) – Exempts all veterans from the law that prohibits anyone 32 or older from being appointed as a police officer or firefighter. The bill does not establish any age limit. Current law only allows veterans to be appointed up to age 36 by using one year for each year, up to four years, that they served in the military.

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 4-8, the House met for a total of five hours and 23 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 13 hours and 13 minutes.

Mon. June 4	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:37 a.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 5:12 p.m.
Tues. June 5	No House session. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:36 a.m.
Wed. June 6	House 11:01 a.m. to 3:42 p.m. Senate 11:18 a.m. to 2:29 p.m.
Thurs. June 7	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 3:19 p.m.
Fri. June 8	No House session No Senate session

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City honors retiring SHC director

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen issued a citation of commendation to the retiring Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition, Mark Alston-Follansbee, at their latest regular meeting on Thursday, June 14.

In presenting the citation to Alston-Follansbee, Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis said, "As most of you know, Mark Alston-Follansbee is retiring at the end of this month. Mark has been working to help people find and stay in their homes for 30 years, and in the last 18 years as Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition. In this time, Mark helped thousands of people, and under his leadership the Homeless Coalition has become one of the most respected and effective organizations of its kind in the region."

Davis went on to say, "That work and that reputation enabled the organization to get through difficult times and continue to serve its mission throughout. Now, Mark leaves the Somerville Homeless Coalition on solid footing and poised to continue the critical work that he has so passionately championed for the last 18 years."

"It is impossible to talk with Mark about the issues facing so many in our community without feeling simultaneously angry, inspired, and motivated," Davis continued. "That's what motivated me to become involved in the Homeless Coalition years ago when it played a very significant role in my decision to run for office and try and tackle bigger solutions. And while that inspiration is a big part of Mark's legacy, what I'll remember just as well is his sharp wit, and world class irreverence."

"We have people coming into our office every day who are struggling to be here, who were born here..."

In closing, Davis said, "I truly hope that we'll continue to see Mark around the city in the coming years, whether that's at a Homeless Coalition event, in Davis Square on Thanksgiving morning dressed head to toe as a turkey, or standing right here in



Mark Alston-Follansbee received a citation of commendation from the Board of Aldermen citing his many years of service to the homeless community in Somerville upon the occasion of his retirement.

this spot advocating for the next policy initiative that will help put people into homes."

Davis then read the citation aloud as follows: Commending Mark Alston-Follansbee, who is retiring after 18 years of distinguished service as Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Be it hereby known to all that the Somerville Board of Aldermen and Mayor offer their sincerest commendations to Mark Alston-Follansbee on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 18 years of dedicated service as Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Mark has also volunteered untold hours to the Somerville community as a co-founder of the Food Security Coalition and a member of Somervision, the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group, and the Somerville Rotary Club. The Aldermen and the Mayor extend their best wishes for a happy retirement and continuing success in all endeavors. Offered this 14th day of June, 2018.

Following the presentation of the citation, Alston-Follansbee thanked the Board and said, "It's always a little strange to me to have personal recognition because, of course, even though in some ways I'm the public face of the Homeless Coalition, there are a lot of people that are doing the hard work every day that make the

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MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72307536	35 Dane Ave	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Cottage	7	\$649,900	\$715,000
72307303	6 Bigelow Street	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$845,000	\$1,150,000
72303188	96R Summer	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Contemporary	15	\$895,000	\$971,000
72302744	52 Highland Road	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	7	\$999,000	\$1,151,000
72309676	392 Broadway	9 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Italianate	13	\$1,075,000	\$1,100,0008

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72303447	7 Grand View Ave U:7B	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	10	\$1,125,000	\$1,090,000
72296664	51 Boston Street U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$1,180,000	\$1,150,000
72074908	375 Canal Street U:1014	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	97	\$1,255,600	\$1,320,600
72306563	10 Emerson U:2	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	24	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72314133	10 Emerson U:1	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	10	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72147358	375 Canal Street U:1114	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	42	\$1,455,000	\$1,455,000
72307668	79 Park Street U:	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	25	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000
72114250	375 Canal Street U:PH214	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$1,596,000	\$1,636,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72301194	67 Temple Street	3 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$1,195,000	\$1,140,000
72295052	19 Alpine	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	24	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
72319880	328 Beacon St	4 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 4 Family	13	\$1,295,000	\$1,275,000
72302826	47 Greenville St	2 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000
72299278	17-19 Wallace Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	27	\$1,468,000	\$1,550,000
72320451	8 Cherry Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	8	\$1,975,000	\$2,000,000
72296534	306-308 Summer Street	4 unit, 20 total room, 12 total bedroom 4 Family	12	\$2,250,000	\$2,100,000

ESCS Moving On ceremony

The East Somerville Community School's annual Moving On ceremony took place on Friday, June 15. Kindergartners held the hands of 8th graders and walked them into the auditorium as a symbol of leading them onto the next part of their life, high school. Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper was in attendance.



Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Remnant Brewing

Somerville has a new brewery in town! A great addition to the Bow Market Plaza. The brewery opened in mid-May and currently offer 5 beers at a time that will rotate out for new ones to try.

Typically, you will find IPA's like Clip Art-Citra and Exam Room 2, a New England style IPA, both crisp, refreshing and just enough bitterness that would be expected of these styles of IPA's. If you're looking a dark ale that has great flavor and is surprisingly light, you may want to try the Beginners Mind, brewed with mosaic and Idaho 7 hops. And for those looking for a lighter style ale they offer the Bow Street Session, light tropical nose and Lightform Farmhouse Gose with peach notes.

In the morning you can expect to pick up a pastry or muffin to go with a specialty coffee using beans from Barrington Coffee Roasting Company. For those of you who are Nitro Coffee fans, they offer that too.

You can enjoy your beverages either indoors or in the designated area on the plaza. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable about the beverages they serve. Check out the brewery website and calendar for featured food vendors, movie night, trivia, comedy, and even yoga on Saturday mornings. The information can be found here remnantsomerville.com.

The plaza consists of multiple retail shops and food vendor pop-ups. For more information on the what shops are open, go to bowmarket-somerville.com.

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Union Square
617-764-0641

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Sophia Carafotes retires from teaching after 34 Years

By Rebecca Danvers

Sophia Carafotes grew up in Somerville with her parents Charles and Mary, both now deceased, and her siblings, James, a Dunkin' Donuts franchise owner; Paul, an actor, director and writer in California; Victoria, who teaches grade 6 at West Somerville Neighborhood School; Margo, who was also a business teacher at Somerville High School, though now deceased since 2011; and Stephanie, a yoga instructor. Both sets of grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins were only streets away.

Carafotes attended Somerville Public School beginning her education at the old Cutler School, then to Western Junior High School, ending up at Somerville High School. She was thoroughly involved with the music department where her mother, Mary Carafotes, conducted the many choruses and shows she performed in and accompanied on the piano. She also played the clarinet in the marching band, oboe in concert orchestra and electric keyboard in stage band.

In 1976, Carafotes then went off to Boston University and while there entered a local contest and became Miss Somerville.

She graduated in 1980 and substitute taught in Somerville. A few years after that, she landed a teaching job at the Winter Hill Community School in Sep-

tember 1984, where she taught grade 7 English, and put on many Broadway musicals after school including *West Side Story*, *Annie*, *Oliver*, *HMS Pinafore*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Give My Regards to Broadway*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *The Pilgrims Arrival*, just to name a few. Her brother Paul was awarded the key to the city and her mom had a music room named after her. It's no wonder that Carafotes comes from a very talented family where music was the driving force that she used in her teaching.

About 15 years into her career, Sophia went on to get her Masters Degree in Computers in Education, and soon after that she taught the Technology Class at the WHCS for seven years. After that job she took a grade 5 position where she then transferred over to West Somerville Neighborhood School in a grade 5 classroom and has finished her career in. Carafotes also taught English and a Computer Course up at the Somerville Adult Evening School, where she also served as the last principal of the program for seven years.

Carafotes has been an active member of any faculty she has served on, being involved with the PTA, School Councils, ILT, After School Tutoring Programs, Multi Cultural Events, after school drama, computer and newspaper clubs and DARTS (Days In The Arts with Boston Symphony Orches-

Retiring Somerville school teacher Sophia Carafotes (center) was recently honored by her friends and family at a retirement party held on her behalf.


tra). She tried to make learning fun bringing her background in music to the foreground of her students education.

Carafotes was voted best teacher and principal in The

Somerville Times newspaper and her students still visit her to reminisce about the memories made in the classroom, on the numerous field trips including a couple of week-long

stays at Natures Classroom, the many plays and talent show performances, as well as the animated lessons in class.


Sophia has also mentored many student *Continued on page 16*



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COMMENTARY

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

Short-term Rentals Community Discussion #2 RESCHEDULED for July 19

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

ture regulation options. The first meeting was held on June 14, and a second was planned for June 21, however that meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Argenizano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St.

SHS Parking Changes Community Meeting #2, June 20

With construction on the new Somerville High School underway and set to ramp up in the summer months, gradual changes to parking options on the Central Hill Campus and the surrounding public streets have begun. Join us for the second in a series of public quarterly meetings where updates about parking changes, new data collection, and strategies for impact mitigation will be discussed. For more information, and to provide feedback via an online form, visit www.somervillema.gov/shsparking.

When/where: Wednesday, June 20, at 6 p.m. in the Somerville Public Library Auditorium, 79 Highland Ave.

Community Preservation Act FY19 Application Workshop, June 21

Come learn about the Fiscal Year 2019 CPA application process for historic resources and open space/recreational land. For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/cpa.

When/where: Thursday, June 21, at 6 p.m. in the Somerville Public Library Conference Room, 79 Highland Ave.

Green Line Extension Bridge Closure Drop-in Q&A, June 23

On Saturday, June 23, City and GLX project staff will be set up at a table in Ball Square to provide information and answer any questions regarding the proposed bridge closures

associated with the Green Line Extension project. Based on current proposals by MassDOT, the MBTA, and GLX Constructors, the Broadway Bridge in Ball Square would be the first of seven planned bridge closures, and would close to all traffic for one year beginning in fall 2018. More information is available at www.somervillema.gov/glx, or www.greenlinextension.org.

When/where: Saturday, June 23, from 9 to 11 a.m., on the sidewalk in front of Blue Cloud Gallery and True Grounds, 713 Broadway.

BOA Public Hearing on City Budget, June 26

The Board of Aldermen's Committee on Finance will hold a public hearing for input on the City's proposed Fiscal year 2019 budget. For more information on the proposed budget, visit www.somervillema.gov/fy-19budget.

When/where: Tuesday, June 26, at 6 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

City Alerts

Get important City notifications for snow emergencies, construction, detours, and other public safety matters delivered to your phone (voice and text) and/or your email. Sign up for alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts.

City Newsletter

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

City Calendar

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,
As the Times reported a couple years ago ("The Plastic Bag Ban Begins" Sept. 7, 2016), Somerville has taken an admirable step in banning plastic bags.

As a society and a state, we need to go further in our reduction of single use plastic - particularly polystyrene, one of

the most harmful forms of plastic pollution. Our waste is killing our wildlife. Our economy encourages us to make, use and toss at the greatest possible speed.

Often, we don't think twice about getting our coffee to-go in a foam cup, or food in a foam takeout container. Currently, 70 million plastic foam cups are

estimated to be disposed by Americans every day. Of these, about one-third end up in waterways: rivers, lakes and especially oceans.

This polystyrene foam doesn't degrade; polystyrene microplastics in our oceans and waterways are killing wildlife in scores and finding their way into our

drinking water and even seafood. To protect our wildlife and our waterways we need to dramatically reduce our plastic waste and we can start by banning foam cups and takeout containers here in Massachusetts.

Jake Taber
Somerville

UDPATE: Community Path (Buena Vista Rd. to Cambridge Line) to close for drainage, retaining wall repairs beginning June 24

This portion of the path expected to be closed for approximately three months during excavation. Detour routes available at www.somervillema.gov/detours

A new date for the closure of a portion of the Community Path (Buena Vista Road to the Cambridge City line) has been announced. The closure is now set to begin on June 24, 2018, and will last for approximately three months.

This portion of the Community Path will undergo much-anticipated repairs to the drainage system and to a retaining wall to address recurring flooding issues and to improve safety along the path. Bicycle and pedestrian traffic will be detoured for approximately three months as crews excavate in this area. Detour routes can be found at www.somervillema.gov/CommunityPathClosure and temporary signage will be posted along this section of the path.

In total, the project is expected to last through early September, and the path will be repaved to a final condition in November, though an interim pavement layer will be installed at the completion of the project for the duration of the winter. The project will include replacement of catch basins as well as installation of new sections of drain pipe along this section of the Path. Additionally, the retaining wall in this area will be upgraded during construction. Work hours for this project will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m., unless otherwise noted. While work is being conducted to the retaining wall on the south side of the path, contractors do not anticipate needing access to private properties, though all abutters will be notified prior to the start of work in November.

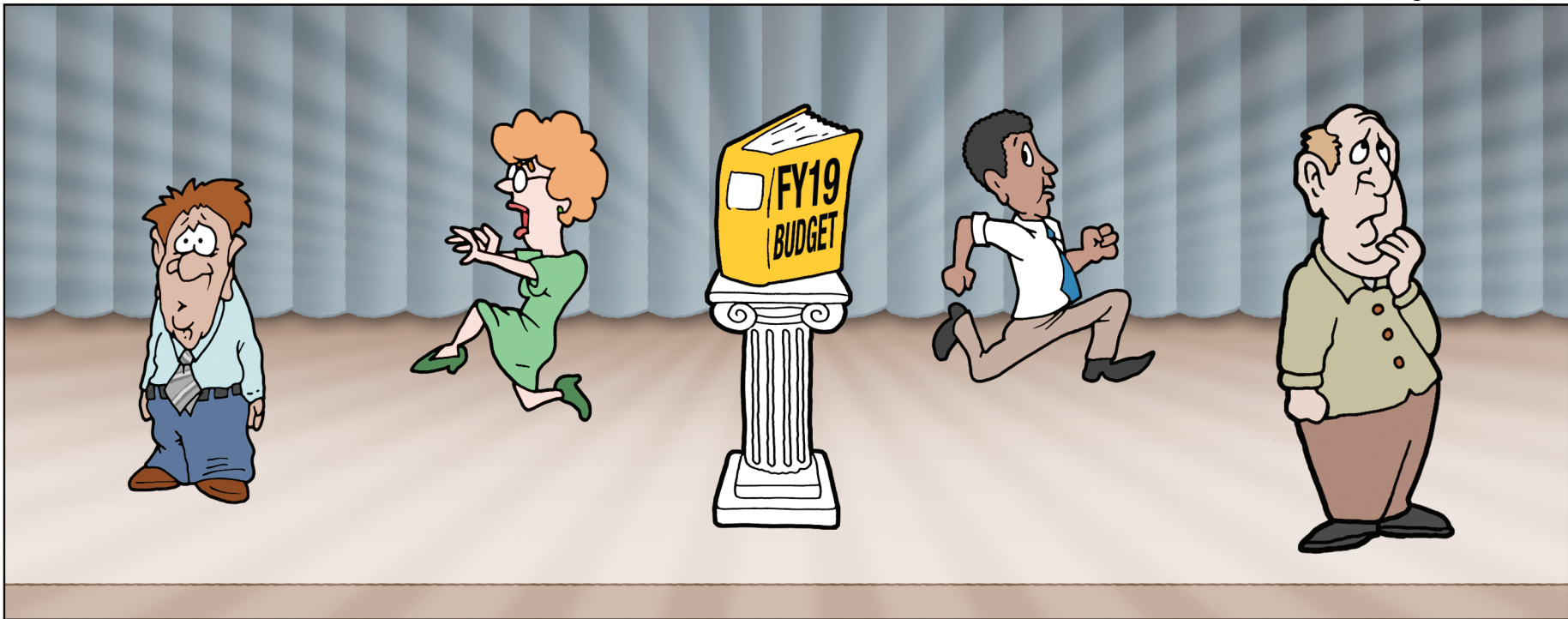
If you have questions about impacts to your property, contact the Somerville Engineering Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 5400. For more information and updates about this project, visit www.somervillema.gov/CommunityPathClosure.



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Look everybody – it’s the next city budget!

Our View Of The Times



Uh-oh, it looks like it’s that time again. City officials must work together to hammer out a budget for the fiscal year 2019, one that comes as close as possible to serving the wants and needs of as many of us as is practical and doable.

Naturally, a lot of debate and discussion will take place as diverse interests push and pull their way into and back out of the strident stances each will assume.

General government, public safety, culture and recreation, pensions, debt service, schools, overlay reserve, state assessments, and other miscellaneous expenditures are all part of the big picture.

Serious issues face the city, and how we manage the financial resources we have is as important now as it ever was before. There are ongoing problems to be confronted and public safety issues to be carefully considered. Adequate funding is needed for emergency management, fire, fire alarm, police/911, and police/animal control. How do we best allocate these funds for police and fire protection? For health and education? What about the affordable housing issue?

It’s a massive, complicated job, seeking out the big picture, seeing it clearly and then applying good sense in whatever financial plans may come from it. No simple task in the least.

The average citizen should get into the process too. The upcoming Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen’s Committee on Finance on Tuesday, June 26, 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermen’s Chambers, City Hall, is just about the best place to voice your concerns and suggestions.

After all, whose money is it, really?

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We wish him the very best. Happy birthday as well to all the others we may have missed and, yes, there are a few more out there. We sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Somerville’s one and only best waitress in town, **Patty Oppedisano**, is back and we are told her followers have been checking in on Sundays at **Sound Bites in Ball Square**. She’s the best waitress in Somerville in our book and in many others. We’re glad she’s still around most of the time. Her new job is different and takes her all over the country sometimes, but she knows home is Somerville and now you can catch her on Sundays.

Another one to add to the list of cancellations is the **Taste of Somerville** last Wednesday evening. We guess the forecasters picked rain but the rain decided not to come, yet it was cancelled. Now, it was supposed to be held in **Powderhouse Park** last week, but why not the **Armory** or **Holiday Inn**? So, because of rain forecast those making plans and wanted to attend couldn’t. It’s been rescheduled to **tonight, Wednesday**.

Our good friend **Irving Johansen** is back home recuperating from his recent stay in the hospital. He’s doing better, and some of his friends got together this week and had lunch at his house. He loved it and was grateful to see everyone.

Patty Norton is home from the hospital and has foregone the quadruple bypass, but is being well taken care of. Same for our friend **Ross Blouin**. He’s been in and out of Mt. Auburn, but he’s home now and hopefully on the mend as well.

Congratulations to local commercial “ace” real estate broker **Bernard Gibbons**, who recently married his longtime friend **Stacy Woods**. We wish them the very best and many long years of happiness and friendship.

As you can see, we did a story on one of our favorite teachers, who has decided to retire. **Sophia Carafotes**, after 34 years of teaching in Somerville, has decided to retire and is considering a retirement career. We think she would do great in real estate. She’s very popular with many here in the city. Wish her well when you see her around Somerville. Read all about her many years as a teacher right here exclusively in *The Somerville Times*.

Miss watching the **Board of Alderman meetings** on TV? You can view them in their entirety on **Comcast channel 22**, as well as on **YouTube**. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public. We can’t say this enough, watch the meetings on either cable broadcast live, or go online to YouTube to watch them. You will find some pretty hysterical information there about what’s happening in the city. This should be required viewing for everyone who cares about what is happening here. Even the committee meetings are online. After all, the Board of Aldermen is voting to spend your money. Wow, the raises some department heads are getting. Of course, those friendly with the **mayor** are the ones that are getting huge ones.

Earlier this month, the **Winter Hill Yacht Club** hosted the monthly **Somerville Chamber of Commerce after business hours social**. Some who were there looked around and took notice of how nice the place was and what it would look like if it was turned over to the residents of Somerville as a public marina. Right there on prime land in **Assembly Square**,

a nice marina for the public. How does that sound? Especially since we hear their membership of Somerville residents is very low compared to the total number of those who are in the club presently. We think the **city’s aldermen** should move on a proposal to take over the so called club. It would make a great addition to the city. After all, it is on state owned property, leased with certain conditions and a yearly fee, whatever that is, in our opinion.

Have you thought you’d like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject like our **Bob Doherty** and **Dorothy DiMarzio**, or like when **Jimmy Del Ponte** wrote his stories about the city (hey, that’s an idea maybe we can talk him into a little writing again). Or maybe you’d like to express your opinion like **Bill Shelton**, as many others have over the years. Not just the politicians, but those from our community. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or email news@thesomervilletimes.com and tell us about your idea. We would love to tell it to the rest of Somerville.

WSNS potluck dinner

A potluck dinner was held at the West Somerville Neighborhood School for the afterschool program on Thursday, June 7. The kids in the program performed for all those attending.



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Harmony applies to life just as it does to music

CONT. FROM PG 1

jam-fest to support local artists and the community of Somerville's interest in the arts. "Somerville has a lot of diversity. Ethnic, socio-economic, and anything pertaining to the arts," he stated about the unique community that Somerville is.

Charlie McLaren of Somerville High School certainly does his part to support the arts and the community, as well as the youth in the area. As the guitar teacher and jazz band director at the high school, he reiterates that "music brings people together and more."

Chris Botelho, the band manager and drummer of Sugar and the Essential Spice, relays that their band is known for its great cover renditions of lesser known classic artists, but is working on writing and releasing their own original music within the next year. "Playing the music we love with fellow musicians we admire and respect and performing for people who love what we do and respond positively to us ... that's fulfillment," Botelho said on behalf of the band, composed of Todd Michael Smith (guitar/vocals), Shanell "Sugar" (lead vocals), Andrew Jones (bass), and Anthony C. Grant (keyboard/sax/vocals). *Continued on page 17*



Photos by Courtney Young



SPORTS

SYSL teams in postseason action

By Jake Wilson

Last weekend saw five Somerville Youth Soccer League teams play in the postseason. The Boys U10-1, U10-3, U12-3 and U14-3 teams competed in the Middlesex Youth Soccer League (MYSL) Commissioner's Cup, while the Boys U14-1 team played qualifiers for the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions (MTOC).

The Boys U10-1 team (6-2-1 regular season) claimed the Boys U10 Division 1 Commissioner's Cup, winning their first two matches to clinch the trophy before dropping a meaningless finale on Sunday.

SYSL's Boys U10-3 team (8-0-1 regular season) went 1-1-1 on the weekend, finishing runners up thanks to a head-to-head win over Everett in their third game on Sunday.

"Hard work all season paid off for a nucleus of kids that has been together for the past two years," commented Boys U10-3 coach Todd Easton. "For many of them this was their first tournament experience. The competition was fierce. There were no weak teams. It was a great experience for all of them."

After an 8-0-1 regular season campaign, the Boys U12-3 team won their first game of the Commissioner's Cup before falling by narrow 1-0 scorelines in the next two to finish third in their division.

Following an unblemished regular season champion that saw them win all nine games while racking up an eye-popping +43 goal difference, the Boys U14-3 team played a high-scoring 3-3 draw before dropping close decisions in their final two matches of the Commissioner's Cup.



The Boys U10-3 team, coached by Todd Easton and Gus Rego.

— Photo courtesy of SYSL

Coach Ken Cole commented, "We finished 0-2-1 and out of the medal standings, but the games were close and intense and the kids gave everything they had. The kids, of course, have a lot of soccer left to play in their lifetimes and this riveting experience will remain a positive one in the future."

The Boys U14-1 team qualified for the MTOC playoffs thanks to a 7-2-0 regular season that saw them enter as the playoffs as the top seed. They avenged a 4-0 regular season loss to Melrose's top U14 team with

a thrilling penalty shootout victory in the semifinal, setting up a showdown with regular season co-champions Stoneham. Somerville ultimately fell 2-0 in the playoff final.

"It was a bittersweet ending for these boys -- some of whom have played in SYSL for many years and are now leaving for high school programs," said Boys U14-1 coach Tom Lau. "We are immensely proud of their performances not only at the tournament and this season but for representing Somerville for so many years past and future."

Registration currently is open for the Fall 2018 season at the league's new website, somerillesoccer.org. The registration fee for Toddler (ages 2-4) is \$57, In-Town (Grades Pre-K to 2) is \$71 and Travel (Grades 3 to 8) is \$93. A \$25 late fee applies to registrations after July 1.

Founded in 1990, Somerville Youth Soccer League is a recreational and developmental soccer league for youth ages 2 to 18 in Somerville. SYSL is a volunteer-run, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with an elected board of directors.

Ms. Cam's
Olio
#633

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. Where would you find the finish line for the Tour de France?

2. What horse race in Ireland has horses jumping fences and ditching obstacles?

3. What was the first mouse invented for computers made from in 1964?

4. What Canadian-based multinational fast food restaurant was founded by a Canadian hockey player?

5. How many points are scored for a call of "love" in the game of tennis?

6. What team has won the most World Cup titles before the 2018 games?

7. Who was the first woman inducted into the World Football Hall of Fame?

8. What musical has the subtitle *The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical*?

9. What does the "S" stand for in NASCAR?

10. In texting, what does ROFLMAO stand for?

11. What does the Flying Dutchman refer to?

12. What is someone with a natural skill for gardening said to have?

Answers on page 17

Somerville High School
Groundbreaking



The Somerville High School Groundbreaking ceremony held last week marked a milestone in this historic project, as the school year comes to a close and the start of demolition and construction work approaches. Demolition of the B wing is slated to begin on Friday, June 22. Stay up-to-date on this project throughout the summer by visiting the project website at www.somervillema.gov/highschool. The website includes a live construction camera feed so you can watch the progress as it unfolds.

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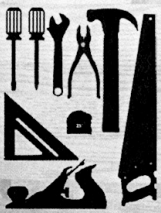


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Site	Address	Meal/Time	Dates	Days	Open or Closed
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Somerville YMCA	101 Highland Ave	Lunch 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Snack: 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	6/25 – 8/24	M – F	Open
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**FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY GROWING CENTER
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The Friends of the Community Growing Center invites sealed bids for:

Renovation of the Community Growing Center
22 Vinal Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

Bid packages may be obtained online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yb9788y7> after 3pm on Wednesday June 20, 2018. An optional pre-bid site visit will be held on Thursday, June 28th, at 10am at the Growing Center on Vinal Ave. Hard copies are not available.


Sealed general bids will be received until Friday, July 13, 2018 at 11:00am. Late bids will not be considered. The Friends of the Community Growing Center reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in their sole judgment, the best interest of the FCGC would be served by so doing.

In general, the work includes demolition and site improvements related to plant materials, grading, fencing, paving, curbing, rough stone masonry, water and electrical service. The work includes cooperation with the Somerville High School vocational classes, who will be constructing and installing wood and metal elements in conjunction with this work.

Please contact Andrew Leonard at 781-641-0750, or email aleonard@leonarddesign.info for information and the bid package.

Andrew Leonard
Leonard Design Associates

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RFP 18-69**

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
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There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Finance on **Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 6:00 PM**, in the Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Finance Committee Chairman Alderman William White, Jr., for public input on the proposed FY 2019 budget.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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City honors retiring SHC director

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Coalition work. I really want to thank all of them for making it possible for me to have been there for this long and to have done the work we have done."

"And it's also a little strange that our tag line is 'working to put ourselves out of business' since 1985, and from that angle we're not doing a very good job. So there are a lot of things that I wish we could have done, much more, much better," Alston-Follansbee continued. "But the fact is, Somerville is a very exciting place but it's also changing very quickly. When I started working with the homeless people 30+ years ago in Cambridge, we could always get somebody an apartment in Somerville. And that's not true any longer. We have people coming into our office every day who are struggling to be here, who were born here, they grew up here, they want to stay here. And they're struggling because it's getting so expensive in Somerville. So I thank you for this recognition, I appreciate it, but I also urge you all to keep fighting to try to create more affordable housing so that everybody really can live, work, play, and raise a family in Somerville."

Sophia Carafotes retires from teaching after 34 Years


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teachers from Lesley College who have also kept in touch with her. She also was asked to lecture a class up at Tufts University and speak about her work with the STOMP students.

In her spare time she sang with the Arlington Mystic Chorale for a few years, sang in three church choirs, including The Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, Saint's Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Taxiachae Greek Orthodox Church, was the Choir Director for the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church and belongs to the Metropolis of Boston Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. As if being busy on Sundays weren't enough for this woman, she also works in the theater for two companies, AKA Interactive Entertainment, playing either Netta Gnocchi in Joey and Maria's Italian Comedy Weddings and Kiki Kalamata as the maid of honor in Toby and Athena's Olympic Sized Opa, and sings with the Big Smile Productions Victorian Carolers after Thanksgiving up until Christmas.

She will continue to enjoy her dozen nieces' and nephews' Charlie, Alexandra, Adam, Christina, Julia, Anastasia, James, Nico, Philip, Jonathan, Arianna, and Charlie's successes. She now resides in Medford with her fiancé Demetrios Hatzipanagos, and has been with him for 26 years.

Now that Carafotes will be retiring at age 60 from the Somerville Public School System after 34 years, what will she do? She looks forward to visiting Greece and traveling to other far away destinations, something you can only do in the summer when you teach. One thing is for sure, Sophia Carafotes has touched many hearts and souls of students, parents and relatives alike through her love of music.



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SCES training focuses on elder suicide prevention

By Nathan Lamb

Tips for identifying and assisting elders at-risk for suicide was the focus of a recent clinical training at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES).

The discussion was led by Rose Cheyenne from Samaritans of Boston, a not-for-profit that provides suicide prevention services. Speaking to roughly 40 SCES case managers, social workers, and nurses, Cheyenne described suicide as a complicated issue that impacts many older adults, noting the highest suicide rate in 2016 was among people aged 45-64-- with people over age 85 a close second. She also described listening as a powerful prevention tool.

"The core of this training is how lifesaving true active listening can be," said Cheyenne. "Anyone can prevent suicide, so long as you compassionate, empathetic, and you know who to turn to, if a crisis situation does take place."

Cheyenne said there are warning signs for 75% of suicides, listing several that are common with older adults:

- direct verbal statements (I'm tired of being a burden, I don't want to wake up tomorrow)
- change in sleeping or eating habits
- taking risks, such as ignoring medical instructions
- loss of interest in hobbies or

favorite activities

- giving away prized possessions
- putting affairs in order.

While there are many potential warning signs, Cheyenne the only way to know if somebody is feeling suicidal is to discuss the concerns. She advised a sincere and compassionate approach, with a focus on listening and validating instead of trying to problem-solve. She added suicide is typically about wanting pain to end, more than anything else.

"We have a lot of people who reach out to us, and I believe they're serious about suicide, but they're scared and don't want to be alone in that situation," said Cheyenne. "They might want help, but they might need somebody to meet them halfway."

Cheyenne said suicide generally stems from a combination of risk factors, which cumulatively can become overwhelming. She listed the following common risk factors for older adults:

- illness/disability
- significant loss (loved one, home, driver's license, independence)
- lack of social supports
- loneliness
- financial changes
- abuse or neglect
- untreated depression

SCES provides clinical training at least once per month to help prepare staff for potentially challenging situations, explained SCES Clinical Director



During a lighter moment, Rose Cheyenne (right) from Samaritans of Boston loaded SCES nurse Nkera Rukubanuka down with plastic cups, to demonstrate how many small issues can collectively become overwhelming, during a suicide prevention training at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services.

Annie Fowler.

"It's difficult to think, learn and talk about suicide, but it's something we have to face at times in our work," said Fowler. "I want our staff to feel like they have the skills to identify when someone might be having suicidal thoughts, feel comfortable talking with an individual about suicide, and knowing what to do with the information they receive."

Established in 1974, Samaritans of Boston provides community education about suicide

and also provides a 24-hour helpline, which receives roughly 80,000 calls annually. In addition to helping people in crisis, the helpline also receives many calls from people who are feeling depressed or isolated, explained Cheyenne.

"A lot of what we do is listening," said Cheyenne. "We know we're not going to solve people's problems in a 20-minute phone conversation, but we hope they can find some hope within themselves to keep going."

Samaritans also provides grief

support services. For more information, visit samaritan-shope.org or call their helpline at (877) 870-4673.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

Harmony applies to life just as it does to music

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And just as Somerville supported their beloved musicians and incredible talent, the artists enjoyed giving back as well. Jan Marie of Jan Marie and the Mean Reds highlights her dazzling look. "I think of myself as a community member before anything else, so I always love to adorn myself in locally-obtained garments and stylings, so that if I get noticed, other great artists and businesses I support do too. My dress was from Raspberry Beret, and my hair was styled by Shereen Salem," said Marie. She believes that the most important part of music is truth. And for her, one of her truths is jazz and blues. "Jazz isn't about blending, or finding a pure sound; it's about finding a true sound, and a deep connection with very emotional music," according to Marie. "People want to like jazz but they don't know how to relate to it. My goal is to make it relatable."

The crowd could certainly relate to the group as the dancing continued from the time that

they got on stage, to the time they got off. With Mark Shilansky on piano, Greg Toro on bass, Benny Benson on drums, Scott Aruda on trumpet, and Jan Marie as the lead vocalist, children, families, and couples swayed and swung with each other as the artists did on stage.

David Arteaga of the David Arteaga Quartet boasts upwards of 40 years playing music. When posed with the question that asks what the most important part of getting exposure as a band is, he states: "An opportunity to share love" is what David believes is the most important part of exposure for any band. "Huge thanks to everyone who came out to partake in the Festival. Down through the ages art and especially music has been an incredibly important means of cultivating and promoting the essential humanistic values of truthfulness and compassion. It is my belief that at this extremely pathological moment in our nation, and in the world, to make and share and enjoy art has never been

more important."

The Coffee Grinders, all the way from Connecticut, brought a unique sound with Jim Choquette's vocals and harp, and the compliments of Frank Breen's guitar and vocals. Affiliated with the Connecticut Blues Society and Central CT Acoustic Musicians Society, Choquette and Breen furnished the festival with just the right amount of twang and soul to keep the crowd begging for "just one more."

Erin Harpe and the Delta Swingers out of Boston played once before in Somerville on May 20 at the ONCE Lounge, and have another show coming up on the 25th of August all the way in Indiana. From their website, "The Delta Swingers pull out all the stops with a decidedly old-school, raw-edged core and confidence that make this album easily an essential release. If you've yet to try this lady, you're in for a treat with 'Big Road.' — Blues Magazine (NL)." With Erin Harpe on Guitars and lead vocals, Jim Countryman on bass guitar, and Bob Nisi on

the drums, the group presents an electrifying show leaving the crowd satiated and excited for more jazz in Somerville.

"The ArtBeat festival is up and coming on July 14 in Davis

Square, and we hope to see a lot of our friends and neighbors there as well," concluded Jenkins. "Somerville is a great arts community and it's a privilege to be able to support it."

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Answers

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1. Champs-Élysées in Paris

2. Steeplechase (horse racing)

3. A wooden shell, circuit board and two metal wheels

4. Tim Hortons

5. Zero points

6. Brazil, with 5

7. Mia Hamm

8. Hair

9. Stock (car)

10. Rolling On Floor Laughing My A** Off

11. A ghost ship doomed to sail for eternity

12. A green thumb

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|June 20

East Branch Library
Drag Kings, Queens and Friends
Story Time!
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
Good CRAFTernoon
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Thursday|June 21

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

West Branch Library
Lego Club!
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday|June 22

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

Saturday|June 23

Family Fun Day
12 p.m.|Trum Field

Monday|June 25

Central Library
Sing Along w/ Jeremy
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Middle School Summer Writers' Den
5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 26

West Branch Library
Sulinha and Friends
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|June 27

East Branch Library
Sulinha for Kids!
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Jimmy Vivino and the East Coast Blue Soul Rockers
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Dean Harlem
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Starstruck: Close Encounters of the Awkward Kind
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Thursday|June 21

Sally O’Brien’s
Wax On, Amateur Athletes, Holophonics
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The Burren
WUMB Presents Melissa Fer- rick|7:30 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Thunder Road
The Grass is Dead
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
PowerSlut
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Adam Janjigian Quartet
7:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
XEB (Original Former Members of Third Eye Blind)
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|June 22

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents \$10 cover|9 p.m.
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The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi
Miele, Album Release Show w/ Special Guests, Man Trouble, Boketto the Wolf|7 p.m.
Young Love and the Thrills |10 p.m.
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Stenographer
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Winona and the Riders
9 p.m|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Tam- ing of the Shrew|7 p.m.
BUMP|9 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10
255 Elm St

Saturday|June 23

Sally O’Brien’s
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.

Big Giant, Madam Bruja, Turn The Lights Out \$10 cover |9:30 p.m.
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The Burren
Sweet Relief|3 p.m.
Celtic Blue - A Collaboration Between The New England Irish Harp Orchestra & The Sandy Ridge Boys |7 p.m.
Mugsy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Thunder Road
The Dirty Dottys + Analog Heart
9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
DJ Tina
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Kerplunk!|11 a.m.
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Tam- ing of the Shrew|6 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|June 24

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m.
Dave Wells, Scotch Holiday, The Woodchix|9 p.m.
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The Burren
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bian- chi|7 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
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Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
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Thunder Road
Sunday Brunch|10 a.m.
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma
7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Late Risers|3 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

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

The Rockwell
Crawlspace Special Screening: Finding Maura Murray
6 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday|June 25

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Com- edy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

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The Burren
Back Room:
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
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Bull McCabe’s Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
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Thunder Road
LowDown Brass Band
7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Board Game Bonanza
6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Tuesday|June 26

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
SYM Tuesdays \$5 cover
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers
Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m.
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Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Ghetto People Band
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Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spell- ing Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
Joon (Funk/Rock) – Joon In June playing special tribute sets of Eagles & ELO
7 p.m|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Simpsons Trivia
Blood On The Clocktower
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

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Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
Ashley Davis, Patrick Doocey & Colin Farrell|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Lost Dog
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Mike Powell
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|June 20

Central Library
Central Hill Parking Public Meet- ing
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 21

Central Library
CPA Application Workshop
5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|40 College Ave

East Branch Library
Family Game Night
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Drop In Knitting
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broad- way

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

Friday|March 22

East Branch Library
Book Group
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broad- way

Saturday|June 23

Union Square Farmers Market
9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq 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 24

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 25

Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday|June 26

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|June 27

Central Library
Somerville Entrepreneur Net- work: June Meetup
6 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.-8:15 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.

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Friendly Caller Program – Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our “Friendly Caller” Program.

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

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

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

Howie Conley & The Memory Laners – Tuesday, August 28 - \$10 per person due at time of reservation. A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the performance at 1:00 p.m. For additional informa-

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

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

Washington, DC – Monday, October 1 to Friday, October 5 - 5 days and 4 nights - \$619 per person double or \$869 single includes transportation, lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, visit Arlington National Cemetery, National Air & Space Museum, Illumination tour of monuments and so much more. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

New York City – October 26 to October 28 – 3 days and 2 nights \$254 per person double or \$368 per person single – St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Macy’s and much more. Seats sell fast and are very limited. Check-in at Ralph & Jenny at 6:45 a.m. on Friday with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lancaster, PA – Monday, November 5 to Thursday, November 8 -4 days and 3 nights - \$425 per person double or \$546 per person single includes transportation, lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinner feasts, guided tour, pretzel factory and so much more. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month: July 19, August 16, September 20, October 11, November 8 and December 13. If you require additional info please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour

most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive “greenhouses.” If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

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

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OPENAIR Circus returns



The OPENAIR Circus is opening its doors for its 33rd year of circus fun!

OPENAIR is a non-profit based in Somerville that teaches circus arts to children (and some adults) in an effort to promote leadership, self-esteem and an appreciate for arts and community.

They keep their prices low so that children and families of any background can join in the fun (\$20/child or \$30/family for the 6-week program, see www.openaircircus.org for more details).

Classes meet for 1 hour per week during Tuesday through Thursday, 4:30-7:30 p.m. and will begin June 26 and run through July 26. Online registration is targeted to open on June 17. They also have in-person registration available. Their rehearsals will be July 31-August 2 and the students will get to show off what they learned on August 3 at 7:00 p.m., August 4 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and August 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Before classes start, join in for the annual pancake breakfast on June 23 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at First Church Somerville UCC, 89 College Ave, Somerville. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to the OPENAIR Circus to meet others in the community and learn about the program and what to expect. It's also a great opportunity for those who have taken part in the program in the past to reconnect while eating delicious food made by one of the board members. They'll be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, veggie patties, coffee and O.J. Tickets at the door will be \$10/teen or adult (11 years old or older); \$5/child (10 years old or younger); \$25/family.

Upcoming SMC Happenings



“SUITED” – A Free Pride Month Film Screening
Thursday, June 28th | 6:00pm (DOORS) | 6:30 p.m. (SCREENING)
at The Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square

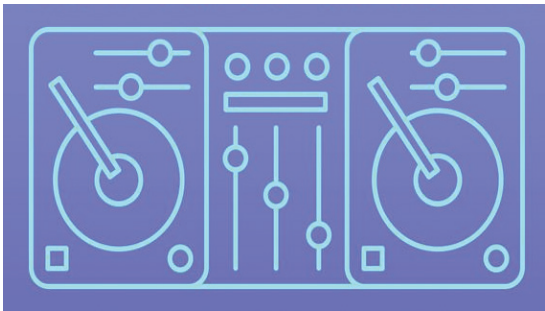
The screening is free but please arrive early as it is first come, first serve!

SUITED tells the story of Bindle & Keep, a Brooklyn-based tailoring company that specializes in clothing for people who are LGBTQ, gender-nonconforming, or nonbinary. Clothier duo Rae and Daniel take a holistic approach to their work, considering each client’s personal narrative, which becomes inextricable from the creation of the perfect custom-made suit. From Derek’s emotional journey as he prepares for his wedding to Everett, a law student in a conservative environment, or Melissa, who simply wants to look good for a 40th birthday party – the need for well-fitting garments represents deeper issues of identity, empowerment, and the importance of feeling happy in one’s body.

Post-Film Panel: At 8pm there will be a panel discussion on “Sexual Orientation, Inclusion, and Gender Identity” will follow the documentary with panelists: Bennet Hazell: Somerville High Student & Gay Straight Alliance member, Matt Storm: a Multidisciplinary Artist based in Washington D.C., Hannah Simpson: a Transgender Writer and Activist based in NYC and moderated by Leo Morris

That’s So Retro! That’s So 80’s
Friday, July 6th from 6:00 - 8:00pm
at Assembly Row (611 Assembly Row)

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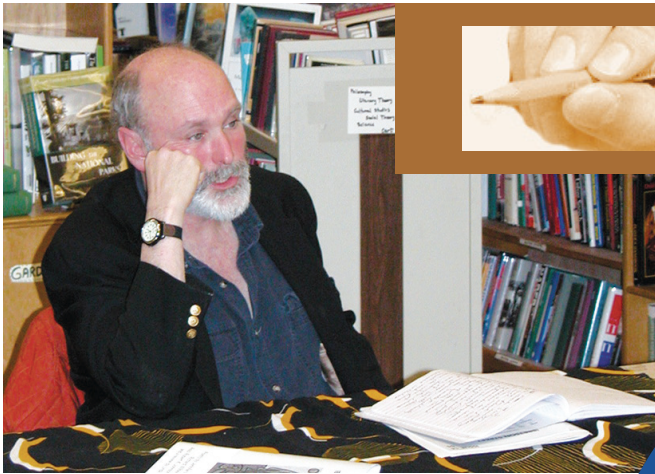
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Educational TV 15 Schedule

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OFF THE SHELF
by Doug Holder

Somerville's Michael Russem:
An Architect for Books

It was an unusual chilly morning for mid-May, so I found myself huddled in the backroom of my old haunt, the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square. A balding man with a biblical beard took his place at my table. His name, Michael Russem.

Russem is a book designer and printer, and he just opened the Katherine Smith Gallery on 108 Beacon Street in Somerville. The gallery, according to Russem, will be “a place that will promote affordable collecting by graphic designers and others.” Russem continued, “The gallery will tell the story of graphic design that can be discerned from books, stamps, logos, etc.”

The first show the gallery will exhibit will be the work of the noted designer Ivan Chermayeff, who recently passed away. He designed the logo for WGBH, the NBC Peacock, and other projects. Russem told me, “He really brought modernism to graphic design. He introduced abstract logos that are not connected with what a business or institution does, but rather what they are. For instance, a bank back in the day may have had a dollar sign as a logo. Now, the same bank may have a hexagon with a square, like Chase. Certainly more abstract and it symbolizes to an extent who they are.”

Russem is also the owner of the Kat Ran Press, that now resides in Somerville. He has done design work for such prestigious organizations like David R. Godine Publishing, *New York Review of Books*, Vassar College, etc. As for his job as a book designer, Russem explained, “I first look at a manuscript, then I determine the typeface. To be very simplistic, if for instance if I am doing a book for a French artist, then I would use a French typeface. I also determine the length, and size of a line.”



Russem showed me a book he designed by the late poet/professor Taylor Stoehr, published by the Pressed Wafer Press, once located in Boston, now in Brooklyn, NY. I knew Stoehr and published some of his poems in *The Somerville Times*, and we would often chat in the now defunct Sherman's Cafe in Union Square. This book is titled, *Little Prayers*. It is a collection of daily meditations. The book is designed in a style that lets the words and lines breath, so as to be read in a calm and contemplative fashion.

Russem, who originally had a shop in North Hampton, MA, told me he designed books of photographs by such noted practitioners of the art as Sally Mann, and Joel Peter Winkin. But many of these books were very expensive and bought by few. He is now more expansive in what he designs.

For right now the hours for his gallery are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. <http://katranpress.com>.

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These Are Just Words

This beauty is going to kill me.
This field. Wheat. That tree. Oak.
The sky, the softest blue, a blanket.
The smell of earth, the heat of day.
But these are just words, not the things
themselves. There is no touching them,
no translating a bird song, a melody
so beautiful it is going to kill me.
A joyous death by a thousand warbles.

— Ben Carson

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Good Food For All to debut in Union Sq. June 23 – 30

More than 30 local businesses team up to create a more inclusive farmers market

Good Food For All is a week-long, community campaign debuting throughout Union Square June 23-30. More than 30 local businesses have teamed up to raise awareness and funds for the local SNAP match available at the Union Square Farmers Market.

Since 2005, Union Square Main Streets (USMS) has raised money to match SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the successor to Food Stamps) dollars, making it possible for more eligible households to participate in their farmers market. This year, USMS is turning to the public to expand local support for the program with Good Food For All the last week in June.

“We know that SNAP recipients often find fresh, local food at farmers markets inaccessible,” said Jessica Eshleman, executive director of Union Square Main Streets. “We also know that Somerville stands strong with values of inclusion and community and that residents and visitors love the locally-owned, diverse businesses found here. We’re excited to seize this opportunity to urge the public to frequent participating businesses to help keep our farmers market inclusive.”

How does it work? 1): Call a friend, make a date, or venture solo in Union Square between June 23-30; 2): Shop, dine, or play at any of the 30+ participating local businesses; 3): Purchase their featured item or promotion (details at www.unionsquaremain.org); 4): Enjoy Union Square, know you are making a difference for your neighbors; 5): Participating businesses then donate proceeds to match SNAP items.

Every week throughout the market season, SNAP customers receive a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$10, for healthy, fresh, local food at the Union Square Farmers Market.

Local businesses were quick to sign on knowing that the program will have a positive impact on its community and neighbors. “It’s rare to find a program like this, where the money is raised locally, for local beneficiaries, to be spent on local food from other local vendors,” said Ronn Friedlander, co-founder of Aeronaut Brewing Co. “Good Food For All is a great opportunity to increase access to healthy, farmers market food right here in Union Square. How could we not be a part of that?”

Individual donations to the local SNAP match at www.unionsquaremain.org are also encouraged to help meet this year’s fundraising goal of \$5,000. Donations are tax deductible and make possible these outcomes:

\$10 = one SNAP match for one family; \$40 = SNAP match benefits for one family for one month; \$100 = one SNAP match for ten families; \$200 = all the SNAP match funds for one Saturday farmers market

Between 2000 and 2016, the poverty rate in Somerville grew from 12.5% to 17%, resulting in children living below the poverty level at 19%. With rising housing costs and federal budget cuts, it has become increasingly difficult for families to be able to afford healthy farmers market products. Because of the generosity of residents and businesses, since 2005, USMS has provided over \$13,000 matching SNAP-payments to help hundreds of our neighbors eat good, fresh, locally-grown food.





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