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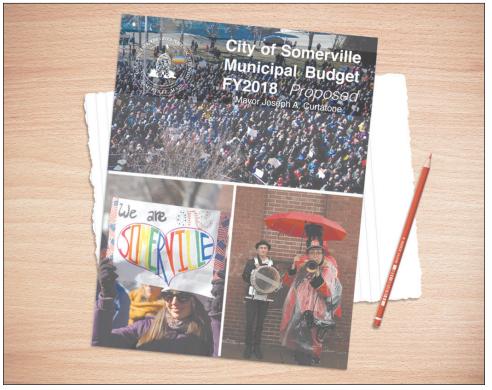


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# Somerville's proposed FY18 budget



The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the City of Somerville has been submitted to the Board of Alderman Finance Committee for review, debate and revision, continuing through Thursday evening.

#### By Jordan Deschenes

With three months remaining until the end of the current financial year, Mayor Joseph Curtatone has presented his 2018 budget for consideration. As a conservative and "near level-service" budget, the proposal calls for few new long-term financial investments. In the midst of a twenty-year commitment to the SomerVision Comprehensive Plan and unavoidable infrastructure improvements, the mayor's proposition is certainly reflective of such vital obligations.

The proposal calls for a budget of slightly over \$233 million and predicts an end-of-year income of the same amount, an increase of 4.9% from the current FY2017 budget. Locally sourced income has become especially important in past years and the new budget calls for necessary increases in fines, permits, and fees. As was planned in prior years, taxes and state aid continue to account for the bulk of city revenue.

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# Outstanding students win Somerville Math Fund Scholarships

#### By Rebecca Danvers

The Somerville Mathematics Fund recently announced the winners of their renewable mathematics scholarships for 2017. The Math Fund was founded to celebrate and encourage math achievement and these students deserve to be celebrated for their work in math and science while in high school. Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and a few organizations, this year they were able to award a record 8 scholarships, totaling \$32,000 over four years.

Manogya Acharya will attend Boston College; Camille Chan, Tufts University; Lily Chau and Jiahui Zhao, U Mass Amherst; Alice Egar, Princeton University; Christina Keating, U Mass Lowell; Anmol Maini, MIT; and David Matthews, the University of Vermont.

Their scholarships of \$1000 are renewable for up to a total of four years as long as they maintain a B average and take mathematics or courses that use mathematics.

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Continued on page 14 Erica Voolich congratulates Anmol Maini on winning the Charlotte and Dr. Irving Fradkin scholarship from the Somerville Mathematics Fund.

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

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One of our Newstalkers in Ward 3 had a visit the other day from a campaign worker and this is his story: "It seems like this past Saturday a woman came by to hand out a flyer for Ben Ewen-Campen, candidate for Ward 3 Alderman, opposing current Alderman Bob McWatters. We talked with her a bit, and she described why I should vote for Ben, talking about how he would be an advocate for us at City Hall, standing up to developers in our neighborhood, fighting for us, etc. I then asked her how she knew Ben, and she dodged the question. After a little more talking, it turns out she doesn't even live here, she said she lives in Brighton. It seemed that she doesn't even really know Ben. She was recruited to work on this campaign by some combination of Union United/Our Revolution/others. She wouldn't specify which, but seemed to imply it was one of these. I asked her why she would be spending a Saturday going door to door for a candidate for whom she has no stake, and her response was 'this is what I do, I work on campaigns.' It is concerning that those from outside our neighborhood are being recruited to be involved, and especially concerning that they are not clearly representing this. She didn't lie, but also didn't volunteer information upfront regarding her motives for being involved. Many other residents Continued on page 11

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# The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: City passes Union Square zoning ordinance

#### Datgruntled says:

"The process was further hindered by two main factors that aldermen agreed were generally undesirable, the first being that the zoning ordinance was not signed into effect before bringing developer US2 on-board to negotiate a covenant."

So, the Aldermen are mad that they didn't step up and pass the new zoning years ago?

#### CAP says:

Somerville is the only city around that gives developers what they want on the 'honor system'. Other cities tie all of a developers promises into detailed legally enforceable contracts, so if they try to double-cross on their commitments, the community can go after them.

In Somerville, City Hall gives developers what is mostly a blank check and then turns around a tells residents that they'll "expect' and "make clear" that the developers keep their word. Which in a legal setting, in the case of a dispute, is worthless.

This is the main reason that developers are flocking to Somerville. Not because we're so cool. But because Somerville is the only city inside 128 that is all about deregulation and handing out blank checks like this.

#### Rob Buchanan says:

The Union Square zoning ordinance, Master Land Disposition Agreement, and Covenant Agreement are all legally enforceable. You can access them here:

Union Square Zoning Ordinance

http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/2017-07%20Zoning-Union%20Sq%20FINAL%206.9.17.pdf

Master Land Disposition Agreement between the Somerville Redevelopment Authority and US2 http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/US2%20-%20Union%20Square%20Master%20Land%20Disposition%20Agreement%20-%202.16.17.PDF

Covenant Agreement between the City of Somerville and US2

http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/Covenant%20FINAL%20signed%20 6.9.17\_0.pdf

#### Response to: 14th Annual Save Our Homes Walk

#### LindaS says:

With the cost of living in Somerville going steadily up, it will be even harder to keep many of us from becoming homeless each year.

Property taxes, water/sewer, and various other costs imposed on us by the City make it just as hard to keep a home or apartment, especially those who are retired and on fixed incomes.

For those with limited incomes, any money they manage to have in the bank will eventually be spent for the reason that bills become more expensive every year, to where that income just isn't going to be enough to cover everything that's needed each month.

For many people here, it's a matter of living paycheck to paycheck, and trying to save as much as they can to get by if the worst should happen. Whatever money they can save is like pouring water into a bucket with a hole in it.

It's great that there are things such as AHOC in place to help those who are on the verge of becoming homeless. But I feel that there should be more done by the City to prevent residents from even reaching that point, especially if they are unemployed or on fixed incomes, such as with the elderly

If you are over 65, you should qualify for any and all tax and fee breaks available, plain and simple. Haven't most of those folks earned it by then?

It's too bad that it's more often assumed that people are just trying to get something for nothing instead of that people aren't getting enough of what they have already earned by years of hard work and paying taxes.

Somerville isn't just for the young and well-to-do. It's for all of us, at all ages and income levels. Let's hope the City will reflect that by making it easier for those who have a harder time to keep what they have.

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# Rebuttal to 'City passes Union Square zoning ordinance' article

#### By Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr.

Last week's story in The Somerville Times about the Union Square zoning vote incorrectly stated that my "decision to support US2 as the master developer to sign the covenant was based upon the benefits associated with the group's interest and flexibility towards the project." I am very troubled by that mischaracterization of my words on such an important issue to the residents of this City. The video recording of the meeting clearly shows that I never said anything about supporting US2 as the master developer to sign the covenant. Nor did I say anything about their interest or flexibility. I appreciate this opportunity from The Somerville Times to correct that error and discuss the reasons for my vote on that zoning.

As I explained at the meeting, I had voted against the Union Square redevelopment plan in 2012. I argued in 2012 that the City first should have prepared a comprehensive development plan based on community input and then put that proposal out for competitive bid by interested developers to negotiate the best

possible deal to implement the community vision. Instead, the Board passed the redevelopment plan which gave control to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority ("SRA"). The SRA then selected US2 as the master developer for all of the redevelopment land in Union Square, who then held a visioning process to develop a plan. The SRA then agreed to sell to US2 the land in Union Square that had been taken by eminent domain. The Mayor then signed a covenant with US2 under which US2, in exchange for developing the redevelopment land in Union Square, would pay financial benefits to the City estimated at almost \$20 Million, including payments for the Green Line, infrastructure, community benefits and job linkage. That covenant, however, required the Board of Aldermen to pass specific new zoning by May 31, 2017, in order for the City to receive those benefits.

Initially, I intended to vote against the zoning, just as I had voted against the redevelopment plan and the bonding for it. The situation, however, changed. The City needs new tax revenue as we are now obligated to bond \$200 million

to fund the new high school and our payment to the state for the Green Line. We also need to improve our water and sewer infrastructure. Towards that end, we have a \$13 Million grant from the state for water and sewer that needs to be spent beginning next year. US2 stated that it was prepared to begin construction of both a commercial and residential building in the near future and agreed to make financial contributions to the City towards the Green Line extension and infrastructure estimated at \$14Million. If the development moves forward with US2's financial contribution, the City will then be in the position to use its \$13Million grant on the water and sewer infrastructure.

As I saw it, the risk was "blowing everything up" and starting all over. We could thereby lose the financial contributions on the table and the \$13Million grant. Therefore, I thought it best to push the developer beyond the zoning that had been submitted to us to get the best deal possible and then evaluate it against the risk. With that in mind, the Board extended the deadline from May 31 to June

8 while it reviewed the zoning and negotiated. The Board Aldermen increased the open and green space requirements of the zoning. We also obtained a phasing commitment for 60% commercial development which should help our residential property tax payers. We also obtained a requirement in the covenant that it could not be amended by the Mayor and US2 without approval of the Board of Aldermen and that certain zoning changes would apply in the future to the development.

As an attorney who has practiced litigation for over 35 years, I thought of this like a settlement. I always try to push the other side to get the best deal possible. After observing the developer's representatives during these meetings and watching their expressions, body language and the length of negotiations, I was pretty confident that we had pushed them to the maximum. Then, I had to consider whether, given all of their concessions and the improvements that we had made to the zoning and covenant, it made sense to nevertheless vote against the zoning and "blow it up." If no new zoning passed, then the developer could proceed under the old



Alderman At-Large and President of the Board of Aldermen, William A. White, Jr.

zoning. That old zoning would produce a much worse development with less open space and less commercial development. The developer also could negotiate a new covenant with the Mayor that could result in fewer benefits to the City. Or, perhaps, the developer would walk. Then, all movement in Union Square would be delayed with the loss of the financial package before us, with no guarantees that we would get a better deal in the future from another developer. After all of these considerations, I voted for the zoning.

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# Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival

By Fiona Sharp

On Saturday, June 17, Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest was held in Somerville's Powderhouse Park. This annual event was started by Mayor Joe Curatone, who played trumpet in the Somerville High School Jazz Band.

The music was kicked off by an eclectic set from the Somerville High School Jazz Band, ranging from funk to jazz. The members of the SHS Jazz Band are excited to now be playing at the Burren in Davis Square on Saturday afternoons.

The music continued for the whole afternoon, allowing community members to stay for as long as they pleased. At 1:00 p.m., there was a set by Cambridge-based vocalist Sara Bielanski. Both a classical and jazz singer, Bielanski combined the two genres beautifully in ballads, which can be heard on her 2016 album From the Heart. She was followed by Boston band, Air Congo, whose set was more upbeat. Air Congo plays African style jazz and world music. They were followed by The Composers Saxophone Quartet, which consisted of all four varieties of saxophone. The lack of a rhythm section made their polyphonic sound very unique. All of their songs were composed either by a member of the band or by another local musician. Like Bielanski, they combined the genres of jazz and classical, which was most impressive in their rendition of a Toccata and Fugue.

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The 2017 edition of Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival entertained appreciative attendees at Powderhouse Park this weekend. - Photo by Fiona Sharp

# EWEEKIN CRI By Jim Clark

# Bad plastic didn't pass smell test

Police officers responded to the Citizens Bank at 40 Union Square last Thursday on a report of a woman trying to use a stolen credit card.

Upon arrival, the officers approached the suspect, later identified as Jeddasia Warner, of New Bedford, standing at the bank teller window. She was pointed out to police by an employee of the bank.

The officers learned from the bank clerk that Warner had come to the teller's window and

presented a Capital One credit card with the request of a cash advance transaction for the amount of \$1,200.

The teller reportedly told police that she thought the credit card looked strange, not like a typical Capital One credit card.

While processing the transaction, another female came to the teller window next to her with a Capital One card and requested a cash advance of \$2000. The teller said she believed that Warner looked nervous while the transaction was processing.

She stated that in her past experience, groups have come into the bank together and attempted to process cash withdrawals with fake credit cards.

The teller then contacted Capital One via the telephone. According to Capital One's fraud department, the name printed on the card - Jeddasia Warner - did not match the cardholder's name associated to the card number. The second female attempting to complete a

cash withdrawal left the bank without completing the transaction. Warner had completed the transaction and signed the receipt, however, she did not receive any actual cash.

Based on their training and experience, the officers knew that there is a specific type of credit card fraud where a suspect will forge a credit card using a valid account number embossed with the suspect's name. The information encoded on the magnetic strip of the

credit card will also contain the valid credit card number. The suspect will then make a cash withdrawal using the credit card and their own identification, as it would match the information fraudulently printed name on the card.

According to reports, the officers believed Warner was presenting this type of fraudulent card and she was immediately placed under arrest and charged with attempt to commit a crime and utter a forged credit card.

#### **Arrests**:

Rachel Devine, of 34 Bay State Ave., June 13, 11:42 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of larceny from a person, armed assault to rob, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Kerby Cetoute, of 70 Boylston St., Malden, June 13, 12:19 p.m., arrested at 3:14 p.m., arrested at Middle-McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and on warrant charges of assault and

malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

Wenchel Romulus, June 13, sex Ave. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Fredy Arbaiza, of 93 Temple

St., June 15, 4:07 a.m., arrested at home on multiple warrant charges of possession of a large capacity firearm.

Jeddasia Warner, of 1426 Pleasant St., New Bedford, June 15, 3:55 p.m., arrested at Union St. on charges of

attempt to commit a crime and utter a forged credit

Nicholas Pfosi, of 21 East St., Dover, June 16, 5:10 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of disorderly

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# Somerville's proposed FY18 budget

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Somerville's obligation to its citizens and workers has not been lost in the 2018 proposal, with more than half of budgetary spending dedicated to municipal employees and annual pension payouts. The school department has particularly received special assistance in years past and acounts for the highest portion of spending in the new budget at over \$68 million.

The new budget calls for several particularly noticeable changes in spending in comparison to the current year, although the changes are larger from a departmental standpoint. For example, the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development is expected to increase its spending by just under \$200,000 - this is a result of a 119% percent change in the office's ordinary maintenance expenditure. Even more significant is a 150% increase in spending by the Communications and Community Engagement Department (CCE), with an increase of 112% in personal services and over 700% in ordinary maintenance.

These drastically large percentages correspond to the various community outreach programs instituted by the CCE over the past year, including information for parking during snowstorm plowing, proper waste disposal procedures, and improved multilingual services. Last year, net-zero. the department successfully implemented the first early voting campaign in Somerville history, with an early turnout rate of over 30% – the highest in the Boston urban core.

Another significant item on the budget is a newly created department, the Fleet Management Division, which will oversee the maintenance and repair of city vehicles and other equipment. The department will also ensure that hybrid vehicles are integrated into the city's fleet and that CO2 emissions are reduced according to the city's 2050 goal of

The City's Finance Committee has been discussing the 2018 budget proposal at-large over the past two weeks and will continue to hold meetings tonight and on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

**CORRECTION** - Representatives from the city have contacted The Times and requested that we publish the following correction to this article: There is an overall increase of 14% in funding for the Communications and Community Engagement Department, not 150% as reported, which includes a 9.9% increase, not 112% as reported, in personal services and a 31% increase, not 700% as reported, in ordinary maintenance. Put into perspective with the correct totals, this is not "a noticeably high" increase or "drastically large percentages" relative to overall spending or other departments.

A full explanation can be seen on page 50 of the proposed budget at http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/fy18-budget-pro-

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Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Mike Connolly

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



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for 4 PERCENT TAX HIKE ON MILLIONAIRES ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER 2018 (H

> The House and Senate held a constitutional convention and approved 134-55, (House approved 105-48, Senate approved 29-7), a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5.1 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million. The proposal was also approved by the 2015-2016 Legislature and will now go on the November 2018 ballot for voters to decide.

> The amendment was proposed by the group Raise Up Massachusetts, which gathered the necessary signatures to bring the measure before the Legislature. Language in the amendment requires that, "subject to appropriation," the revenue from the new tax will be used to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation.

> Supporters said the amendment is a reasonable one that will affect only 20,000 very wealthy individuals and will raise \$2 billion in additional revenue. They said the requirement to use the revenue for education and transportation will benefit millions of Bay State taxpayers. They argued the hike would help lower income families which are now paying a higher share of their income in taxes.

> Opponents said that if the amendment becomes law, the state will soon regain its dreaded title of "Taxachusetts." They argued the new tax will lead to the loss of 9,500 private sector jobs and will result in many millionaires moving out of the state and a loss of all income tax revenue from them. They argued that the caveat that the \$2 billion is "subject to appropriation," means it will end up in the General Fund and be up for grabs for anything. They noted the amendment will open a Pandora's Box that will result in class warfare and higher taxes on millions of taxpayers by allowing the Legislature to establish different tax rates for different levels of income.

> Some opponents said that the new proposal is unconstitutional and promised they will challenge it in the courts. They said that allowing special interests to put earmarks in the constitution is an unconstitutional end run around the Legislature's accountability for "tax and spend" decisions.

> (A "Yes" vote is for the additional 4 percent tax. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ALLOW LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLE-GAL IMMIGRANTS (H 685) - The Higher Education Committee heard testimony on a bill that would allow illegal immigrants to pay the in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities if they have attended a high school in Massachusetts for at least three years and have graduated or received the equivalent of a diploma.

The measure also requires these students to have a social security number or individual taxpayer identification

number; provide an affidavit stating that he or she has filed or will in file an application to become a citizen or permanent resident; and register for selective service.

Supporters said many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are significantly higher than the in-state rate.

Although no one testified against the measure, opponents say the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They argue it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens who live outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state university.

#### PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE (S 1048

and H 2172) - The Labor and Workforce Development Committee held a hearing on two bills that would allow workers in Massachusetts to take paid leave to recover from a serious illness or injury, to care for a seriously ill or injured family member or to care of a new or adopted child.

Employees taking paid leave would receive partial wage replacement equal to a percentage of their average weekly wages, with a maximum weekly benefit of \$650 in one of the proposals and \$1,000 in the other one. The employees would be eligible for up to 16 weeks to care for a family member or new child, and up to 26 weeks to recover from his or her own serious illness or injury. Benefits would be funded through employer and employee premium contributions to a new Family and Employment Security Trust Fund.

Supporters said the legislation balances the needs of work and family. They noted that thousands of hardworking people in Massachusetts are forced to choose between going to work sick or losing a day's pay -- or worse, their jobs. They noted some are even forced to send a sick child to school to save their income or job. They noted that businesses providing sick time find that it reduces employee turnover, increases productivity and helps their bottom line.

Opponents, led by some business advocacy groups, said the program would be very expensive for employers and would harm small businesses. They said this cookie cutter approach is a flawed state mandate and argued that small businesses and their employees depend on flexibility to increase salaries and other benefits.

#### REQUIRE A CIVICS COURSE TO GRADUATE

(H 2016) - The Education Committee held a hearing on a measure that would require students to complete a course in civics in order to receive their high school diploma. The course would educate students about the Constitutions of the United States and Massachusetts, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, local history and government and the electoral process, including the initiative petition and referendum process.

#### MUST LEARN FINANCIAL LITERACY (H 288)

- Also on the Education Committee's agenda was legislation that would require students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to receive their high school diploma. The course would include understanding personal and educational loan terms and repayment;

#### **Beacon Hill Roll Call** continued



the mechanics of borrowing money; the use of credit; the impact of debt on credit worthiness; the rights and responsibilities of signing a rental lease; the mortgage approval process; balancing a checkbook; state and federal taxes; and charitable giving.

#### **CARING FOR ELDERLY RELATIVES (H 1519)**

- The Revenue Committee held a hearing on a bill that would give an income tax credit of up to \$4,000 for families caring for elderly relatives over age 70 at home if the taxpayer provides more than one-half of the support of the relative. The relative must live with the taxpayer at least six months per year and have an annual income of less than \$30,000.

TRANSPORTATION BILLS - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on several bills including:

WEAR REFLECTIVE MATERIAL (H 1854) - Requires anyone walking outdoors in an unilluminated area after dusk to wear reflective material or carry a luminescent device like a flashlight, lantern or the flashlight application on a cell phone in order to help prevent accidents.

MUST REGISTER BIKES WITH REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES (H 1832) - Requires anyone age 21 and older to register his or her bicycle biannually with the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The state would establish a fee and issue a license plate that the bicyclist would be required to attach to his or her bike.

Supporters say this would give drivers and pedestrians

a way to identify and report a bicyclist who is breaking traffic rules. They note that it will also ensure that bicyclists, by paying fines, will help pay for the maintenance of bike lanes.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Responses to the Legislature's passage of an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5.1 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million. The proposal will now go on the November 2018 ballot for voters to decide.

"I was first to support this initiative because it is aligned with my value for fairness, in that it calls on those with the greatest ability to pay their fair share of tax. I firmly believe that the Fair Share Amendment represents our best chance for new revenue in the near future and I will continue to push for its goals." — Mary Ann Stewart, one of the ten original signers of the petition to get this question on the ballot.

"No constitutional amendment gets on the ballot unless the Legislature wants it to pass, so this is now the lawmakers' proposal. For the sixth time voters will have the last word, and like all previous attempts to abolish the flat income tax, if it somehow survives court challenges and gets that far, it too will fail." — Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation.

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 Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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 12-16, the House met for a total of seven hours and ten minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 36 minutes.

Tues. June 13	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 14	House 11:00 a.m. to 5:53 p.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 2:53 p.m.
Thurs. June 15	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:18 a.m. to 1:56 p.m.
Fri. June 16	No House session

House 11:07 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

No Senate session

Mon. June 12

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#### Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **Address Description DOM List Price Sale Price** 11 Cedar Ave 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial 8 \$739,000 \$767,500 48 Glenwood Road 7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Victorian 16 \$799,000 \$860,000 226 Highland Ave 9 room, 6 bed, 3f 0h bath Colonial 49 \$799,900 \$850,000 224 7 Fremont Street 9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Other \$850,000 \$800,000

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

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

# Dorothy's Corner

#### BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



#### Portuguese Custard Tarts

Pastéis de nata, torta de nadas, and pastéis de Belém are other names that these sweet, custardy confections also go by.

Portugal 1820, the liberal revolution demanded the return of the Portuguese court from Brazil, which ultimately resulted in the end of absolutism, the full control of the monarchy, and now would follow a parliamentary monarchy, also referred to as a constitutional monarchy meaning the constitution would now be followed. This revolution also resulted in the expulsion of religious orders thus closing down all convents and monasteries in 1834. After the shut down of Jerónimos Monestary, or Mosterio da Santa Maria de Belém, in the parish of Belém, a monk sold the recipe to an elder of the Clarinha family. So in 1837 Pastéis de Belém became a bakery where they would sell these custard treats with a flaky cup like shape. But don't ask for the recipe, it's too secret and only a handful of people are privy to the recipe. There is a secret room where these delicious treats are made every day.

Business is booming and people from all over the world visit this famous bakery that produces upwards of 20,000 custard tarts a day and even up to 30,000 to 40,000 on weekends. I can tell you that there is always a line of people waiting to get in to try these little pieces of heaven. I can also tell you, they're worth the wait!

For more information on the history of this great treat and the bakery, follow the link below. There is also a link for a recipe if you're feeling ambitious to make your own. However, if you just want to purchase one of these tarts, they can also be found at Modelos Market Cafe located at 501 Medford St., Somerville. They are typical-



ly available on Fridays and Saturdays. If you know of any other bakeries in the area that offer these custard treats, please share in the comment section. Obrigado!

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tique-of-lisbons-world-famous-tart/ http://leitesculinaria.com/7759/ recipes-portuguese-custard-tarts-pasteis-de-nata.html

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

# **East Somerville Community School's 'Project Solution'**











The ESCS 7th grade science class recently put together its "Project Solution" display, seeking solutions for problems going in the world.

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— Photos by Claudia Ferro

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## **Election 2017 update**

Below are citizens who have pulled nomination papers for elected office in Somerville as of June 20, 2017. Black indicates candidate has pulled nomination papers From The Somerville Election Department. Red indicates Somerville Election Department has completed signature certification.

Office	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Street Address & Zip
Mayor- 300 Signatures Re				
Mayor	Curtatone	Joseph A	Joe	130 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Van Buskirk III	Kenneth C		114 Highland Ave # 302 02143
	Corbett	Payton		28 Mount Pleasant St #1 02145
Alderman At Large- 180 S	ianaturos Poquir	ad City Wida		
Alderman At Large	Sullivan	Dennis	Michael	138 Ten Hills Rd 02145
Alderman At Large	Mbah	Will	Michael	65 Woods Ave 02144
	Tarpley	Kevin	Allen	15 Hamlet St 02143
	Rossetti	Mary Jo	Allen	80 Electric Ave 02144
	Fitzgerald	Sean	J	46 Garrison Ave 02144
	White	William	A Bill Jr	125 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Connolly	John M	Jack	17 Winslow Ave 02144
	Hirsh	Stephanie	Α	17 Fremont Ave 02143
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Alderman Ward 1	Mclaughlin	Matthew	С	50 Flint St #3 02145
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Alderman Ward 2	Scott	JT		269 Washington St 02143
	Heuston	Mary Ann		115 Beacon St 02145
Alderman Ward 3	McWatters	Robert		218 A Summer St 02143
	Ewen-Campen	Ben		28 Warren Ave #5 02143
Alderman Ward 4	Clingan	Jesse		33 Puritan Rd 02145
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	Salvato	Kenneth	M	28 Brook St 02145
	Pratt	Tracey	Leah	19A Bonair St 02145
	Ackman	Emily		23 Autumn St 02145
School Committee Ward 2	Futrell	Dan	J	20 Concord Ave #1 02143
School Committee Ward 3	Palmer	Lee	Erica	17 Pitman St 02143
School Committee Ward 3	raillei	ree	Enca	17 Fittilali St 02143
School Committee Ward 4	Green	Andre	L	88 Governor Winthrop Rd 02145
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School Committee Ward 5	Pitone	Laura	J	46 Rogers Ave 02144
School Committee Ward 6	OSullivan	Paula	G	10 Morrison Pl 02144
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School Committee Ward 7	Normand	Caroline	Carrie	25 Kingston St 02144

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

## Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival

CONT. FROM PG 3

was dedicated to the blues. Kit Holliday and the Ominous Vultures got the audience up lead singer, channeled Janis Joplin in both voice and appearance. They played mostly love songs, both bluesy and funky. The vocals were accompanied by frequent guitar solos by Somerville resident, Mike Welch.

performed by local blues band, and the most well-known of the time for all.

bunch, The Tarbox Ramblers. Their inclusion of fiddle and slide guitar created an unusuand dancing. Holliday, the al fusion of Appalachian folk and bluegrass. Their sound almost evokes that of the Allman Brothers. Their music can be found on Spotify and heard in episodes of popular TV shows like Supernatural.

Despite some clouds and drizzle, there was a great turnout for The last set of the evening was Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival and the occasion was a wonderful



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# **Union Square Portraits:**

#### Conversations about America – with Andrew

By JT Thompson

Andrew: late 30s, shaved head and a goatee, is a London-born Ghanaian - tall, powerful looking, broad-shouldered, with an exuberant, gap toothed smile - who became a US citizen in 2010.

At Andrew's invitation, I am at his apartment for the Super Bowl, eating Haitian Creole goat from a Union Square restaurant, drinking red wine, and enjoying Andrew's enthusiasm whenever he jumps up from the couch to yell in exasperation or triumph. Opposite his large screen TV, two framed black and white photos, of scenes from Boston and New York City, hang on the wall over his leather sectional couch. Andrew has lived in Boston since 2007 and is a Patriots fan.

Andrew assesses business loans at one of the area's regional banks. Over the last ten years, he has made his way from smaller banks to bigger ones, his salary gradually increasing along the way.

On his shoulder is a tattoo of some script in Twi, a major Ghanaian language, surrounded by a thick circle. Taken to-

gether, they mean 'Only God completes me.' Andrew is not a steady churchgoer, but does sometimes go the Catholic mass at St. Catherine's, a parish just west of Union Square.

Andrew's Ghanaian father was a sniper in the British Royal Army, so Andrew was born in London. When he was three, his parents split up, and his mother took him back to Accra, the capital city of Ghana, where she largely abandoned him.

"In West Africa. West... Af-

"It was very difficult. Being a child, not knowing where your parents are."

He goes quiet.

I decide not to pry.

I ask him if there was anything he loved about being a kid in Accra.

"Oh...running around the streets, doing some shit. Nothing specific.

"Not sports.

"I'm sure I got up to some shenanigans." He laughs.

When he was 13, his father's girlfriend at the time, who Andrew calls Auntie Nana, decided to put together the paperwork to get him off the streets of Accra and back to London.



London-born Ghanaian, now US citizen,

It was a deep culture shock to arrive in a London primary school. Uniforms. Accents. The weather. The city.

"London. Too much to do. We used to take Tube rides everywhere to go exploring.

"My primary school was very close to MI6. We used to go over there and hassle the people coming out of the building. 'You're a spy! You're a spy!" He laughs. "They hated us."

While Andrew was in primary school his Continued on page 17

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# COMMENTARY

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# Proposed near-level service budget prepares us for the future



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As Somerville celebrates its 175th anniversary and looks back at its industrial past, we are preparing for a people-centric future - one that brings us closer to the goals laid out in our community-made 20-year SomerVision comprehensive plan. Important projects such as the Green Line, Union Square, Assembly Row, and neighborhood planning continue to move forward. To make progress on this scale, we need to make sure our municipal finances are sound, and as we prepare our fiscal year 2018 budget, we're in good shape.

Our free cash and rainy day funds remain at the highest in our history even as we make record investments in our schools, open space, transit, and infrastructure. Our bond rating remains the highest in the City's history, as the rating agencies take note of our continuing growth and sound management practices. With record new growth and commercial invest-

ment, our tax base is expanding. Commercial taxes and permit revenues continue to grow allowing us to make targeted investments without having to pass all of those costs onto the residential tax rate. In the past two years, our building permit revenues increased by more than 465 percent. Over the same period, more than 250 new businesses have been added to our local economy. We've added more than 6,000 new jobs to the city since 2010 and more than 15,000 new jobs are called for in the Union Square Neighborhood Plan.

We're in good shape partly because year after year we've committed to budgets based on conservative fiscal management, financial efficiency, strategic investment, and increasing self-reliance. The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget remains steadfastly in line with these principles – if not more so.

Most notably, the proposed FY18 Annual Budget is a near-level-service budget. Simply put, we are holding steady with a budget where increases are primarily to meet rising fixed costs — such as health insurance, pension liabilities, utilities, and the overall cost of services and supplies — rather than new investments. This budget will thus yield an increase in spending but will not require taxing

to the levy limit, meaning that we are not spending every dollar that we can. Rather we are preparing for our future liabilities and budgeting to slow the growth in taxes.

One focus of investment that will not slow, however, is our schools. We've worked intensively to drive up achievement, test scores, and graduation rates. Increased school funding in the proposed FY18 budget will allow us to continue along this track and is targeted to support critical out-of-school programming, technology investments including increased STEAM – science, technology, engineering, art, and math programming, middle school sports programming to allow greater access to physical activity earlier, investments in our Universal Kindergarten Readiness and Pre-K initiatives including a third Head Start classroom, and enhanced special education services including the hiring of a district Autism Specialist. We must ensure our children are given every opportunity to learn and succeed.

There are some areas that will go beyond level service, but we've made sure those investments are surgical and narrowly focused. For example, in FY17, we created a new Department of Public Works Fleet Division, and in FY18 we propose the needed funding to allow the division to invest in and maintain our assets. In a similar vein, we are also doubling down on investments in preventative maintenance for our public spaces and our aging buildings. This will save us money in the long run as we add life to our buildings and prevent costly repairs later on.

Just as we added more resources to affordable housing last year, this year we are also proposing increases to two needs that are also community priorities. The FY17 budget introduced new staffing and structures to improve field maintenance. The FY18 budget proposes doubling the field maintenance budget to ensure they have the resources to carry out this important work. As our local economy grows, we must ensure that all of our residents have the skills and training required to access the new jobs we are striving to create. To this end, we are investing in several workforce development initiatives: the creation of a long-range workforce development plan, taking over the funding of the FabVille fabrication lab manager (which was previously federally funded), and expanding our culinary entrepreneurship programs.

Finally, our libraries remain an important central source for learning and knowledge access, and to ensure we continue to meet community need, we are investing in two new librarians as well as an increased materials budget for additional resources from print to digital.

Again, we've built a proposed budget based on thrift, shared community values, and an eye toward our long-range responsibilities. After years of planning and investing in our city's economic growth, we are now beginning to reap the financial benefits that growth is producing. Our community planned for this. Our previous investments in our self-reliance are now allowing us to fund critical needs despite historic declines in State aid and a current fiscal year in which net State aid is flat. And we do so as we remain on the path to reducing the structural deficit and our reliance on free cash, which ultimately saves our taxpayers money.

While this year's budget may not be an exciting one, it is a smart one. We know that we have goals and liabilities to meet, and we are budgeting today to meet both our current needs and stay our course for the progress we seek for our tomorrows.

To learn more about the FY18 Municipal Budget, visit www. somervillema.gov/FY18budget to review the budget and get updates on the availability of the City's interactive FY18 Budget Explorer.

# 'Minimally acceptable zoning'



#### By Katie Gradowski

Union Square zoning passed in a 12:05 a.m, 9-to-1 vote on June 9th. The vote ended a process that started nearly a year ago, including back-to-back midnight sessions over the previous two weeks as the BOA struggled to meet the covenant deadline. Now signed, US2 can begin the MEPA process and apply for a Coordinated Special Development Permit under the new zoning.

BOA goes to bat for the com-

nunity

Big picture, the zoning review was a giant exercise in constituent services. The BOA spent the last two weeks taking a laundry list of concerns—revised definitions of building height, clarified definitions for green and commercial spaces, stronger language around affordable housing, notification standards, green roofs — and to the best of its ability, writing them into zoning. It's a testament to how bad-

It's a testament to how badly the administration wanted zoning passed that many of these amendments went in without question.

The zoning overlay, as it stands, is a somewhat ridiculous document, specified down to the type of mulch that is allowed and placement of mechanicals on roofs. It's a testament to the

diligence of the BOA—and to the absurdity of the whole process—that they managed to craft a minimally acceptable zoning document on the face of some pretty flawed premises.

The final version went through dozens of amendments before it was signed.

## "I have never seen zoning done like this"

This sentiment was echoed over and over again in conversations between those of us trying to read and parse this document. As it stands right now, this is an absurdly specific document.

Why so specific? Because it's clear at this point that this zoning is being written for a set developer (we knew this, obviously) around a set plan. On the second point, I think a lot of people were surprised to see

how specific that plan seems to be, given that the zoning was adapted to the plan rather than setting the plan's parameters.

What we are doing, quite simply, is spot zoning an entire district. It seems clear at this point that the CDSP community meetings will be mostly window dressing, since US2 presumably will not update their vision if they have to go back to the Board of Aldermen to get it rezoned for a new plan. Foreseeing this, the Board of Aldermen took it upon themselves to write as many individual recommendations into zoning as they possibly could.

The result is a deeply weird document, reflective of community needs while remaining totally backwards in its founding premises.

## Reaching the limits of the possible

US2 presented their updated plan on May 2nd. Over the following thirty-eight days, it became clear that US2 had no plans to meaningfully revise either the green / open space percentages or the commercial phasing requirements, two big-picture points that have become rallying points for advocates across the board. Likewise, it became clear as the days wore on that there were no plans to update funding contributions, including funding for a Community Benefits Agreement.

Many of the late-stage amendments seemed designed to push the limits of the possible. On the second to last night Katjana Ballantyne proposed updating the office/R&D Continued on page 16

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### Illustrated by Jim Clark



# **Our View Of The Times**

Summer's here at last - everyone enjoy!



What is more delicious to the young mind than that savory and unrivaled treat, summer vacation? A well-deserved reward for all the hard work and irreplaceable time invested in the previous school year.

As adults, we can look back fondly on those golden days with a warm sense of nostalgia and a longing to return to the carefree days that linger now only in our memories. And yet, we can live those times again vicariously as we engage with the present younger generation who will be making its own special memories.

Parents need to take as much time as they can to help make the summer break special and meaningful for their kids. Planning and taking a family vacation, even a simple weekend camping trip, can forge stronger bonds and create everlasting memories that could never be bought or traded with gadgets, games, or videos. Simple day-today family activities are valuable, too, in making vacation time a rich and rewarding experience for all.

Likewise, we should encourage our youngsters to seek out those activities, on their own, that keep them engaged and active. Whether it is sports, arts activities, taking up a new hobby, or any number of other options that kids are able to enjoy. They should be made aware of how precious this time is and urged to make the most of it.

It may be nearly impossible to convince them of how important this is, but it is still our duty to try to do so nonetheless. They will, without question, thank us for it in the years to come later.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

probably listened and assumed she was a neighbor." Our concern here at The *Times* is if you're going to run for public office and you hire professional outsiders to work on the campaign, shouldn't you at least hire people who might know the issues and/or the candidate themselves? So, the candidate Mr. Ewen-Campen has 80% of his money raised by out of state contributors. It makes you wonder who is behind this candidate. Maybe Ben Ewen-Campen himself might have some developers interested in having him elected. He has listed on www. OCPF.com many \$1K contributors, all from NY or CA. All this and running for ward alderman. Does anyone else see something here? It used to be in the days of ward campaigns the actual candidate would personally knock on a potential voter's door, thereby asking if there are issues that an alderman can take care of.

Good friend and Medford City Councilor Adam Knight is having his campaign kickoff fundraiser Thursday, June 22, at the Post 45 American Legion, 321 Winthrop St. in Medford. Adam is dedicated and is one of Medford's up

and coming elected officials. He learned

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from one of the best, he used to work for former **Senator Charlie Shannon**. We hope Adam tops the ticket in Medford. He's a great guy, smart and dedicated to the city of Medford.

Our condolences and sympathy to the family of **Taki Koleas** of Medford, who recently passed away. Mr. Koleas was the father of the owner of **Demets Donuts** on Mystic Avenue.

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

Happy birthday this week here in the Ville: Lots of well known and popular individuals celebrating their Birthday this week. Happy birthday to one of our fans and a great supporter of *The Times*, **Ms. Gail Chambers**. We wish her the very best of birthdays. A great lady. Happy birthday to **Joe Grafton**, former head of **Somerville Local**. A hard worker and a good guy. We wish him the very

best of birthdays as well. Happy birthday to Jack Nicas, former Asst. Editor here at *The Times*, who has moved on and is now very successfully working at the *Wall Street Journal*. Finally, a big time happy birthday to the best paralegal around, Ms. Paula LeBlanc, a lifelong resident from a well known family who is still here in the city. More importantly, she's truly a great lady with a wonderful personality and a smile every time you go to Sean O'Donovan's Law Office on Broadway, Ball Square. Stop in and wish her a happy birthday. And bring a cupcake!

It's **city budget time** again, and most department heads are going to be receiving about 13% in pay raises. But one department head will be getting a 27% pay raise. Names and positions to be announced shortly.

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East Somerville Trivia in honor of this week's East Somerville Reunion this Saturday, June 25 at the City Club, the second such reunion in the past 3 years. Can you name all the parks and the hill that Crescent, Mt. Vernon, Pinckney and Florence Streets are on in East Somerville? Not a park, but where

in East Somerville was "Down Back"? What was the nickname of the bar on the corner of Franklin and Washington Streets? Everett Knowles was noted for what medical procedure? He was from East Somerville. What was his nickname and what happened to him? Who was the Monsg. at St. Benedicts, and can you name one other priest in the 70's who for a short time was assigned to the parish? Finally, can you name the family who owned and ran Seven Sons on Washington Street for over three decades? Please go online or hand deliver your answers to The Times office 699 Broadway Somerville 02144. The first two that can answer every question correctly will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the famous East Somerville restaurant, The Mt. Vernon on Lower Broadway. Or, if you're going to the reunion, give Donald your answers. He's going with about half dozen former East Somerville Bucket of Blood friends.

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

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# **SHS CTE Program**

Last Friday, the incoming freshman class was introduced to their carpentry carpentry program at SHS, lead by teachers Mario Sousa and Robert Day.















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# **Bunker Hill Day 2017**

#### By Donald Norton

The annual Bunker Hill Day ceremony was held last Saturday, June 17, to commemorate the battle on that day in 1775. In that time Somerville was a part of Charlestown, and since the early 1800's the communities have celebrated this holiday.

This year, as in previous years, the head of the local Masonic Lodge, King Solomon's Lodge A.F. & A.M. located here in Somerville at 125 Highland Avenue, Wor. Jonathan U. Bowers, spoke on behalf of the lodge and its members. He recalled his great grandfather five times who, along with the many other brave minute men, fought at the battle on Breeds Hill.

The Monument Orator this year was one of our own residents, Richard Johnson, Brigadier General, Massachusetts National Guard. Gen. Johnson is also a former alderman here in Somerville and is still active here in the city.

His speech centered on the actual

battle and how it was laid out and what it meant for the Revolution between Great Britain and the Colonies. Even though we lost the battle, it set the winning in the end in motion.

A good size crowd was in attendance and the many speakers spoke about the annual event, hosted by the Bunker Hill Monument Association. The Association Chairman, Arthur L. Hurley, welcomed the crowd and thanked everyone for coming. Later on, Wor. Bowers of the Masonic Lodge presented an engraved box with the battle plan on the outside to Mr. Hurley, who was very appreciated of the gift.

King Solomon's Lodge was the owner of the monument land and in 1794 built the first original monument at Bunker Hill to commemorate the battle and all those that fought and died for the cause. In the 1840's the monument was built that stands there now and the care was transferred over to the Bunker Hill Monument Association from the Lodge.



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Photos by Donald Norton















# City of Somerville Community Choice Electricity



The City of Somerville will be launching the Somerville Community Choice Electricity program for residents and businesses this summer. The program uses a bulk purchasing process designed to provide savings and rate stability for consumers on their electricity bills. The program also offers consumers exciting renewable energy options. This program was approved by the Board of Aldermen and the MA Department of Public Utilities.

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# **SPORTS**

# Wildcats partner with Boston Celtics, Alex and Ani, on Give and Go Program

#### By Tom Bannister

The Winter Hill Community Innovation School is well on their way to reaching their goal of 7,000 energy points in support of a good cause, the National Autism Association.

The Winter Hill Wildcats recently kicked off their Give and Go program with the Boston Celtics and Alex and Ani. The goal of the Give and Go program is to motivate students to engage in physical activity and earn points to support families in need.

Their participation generates an in-kind donation of family toolkits provided by the Boston Celtics and Alex and Ani.

For 10 days, Winter Hill students and staff members

have been earning points by riding stationary bikes in the school gymnasium and doing other various physical activities such as jumping jacks and squats. Students were able to track their activity on cards available throughout the school.

The Celtics' Lucky the Leprechaun and forward Amir Johnson helped kick off this event at the Winter Hill, along with representatives from Alex and Ani and the National Autism Association.

As extra incentive, when the Wildcats reach their goal, the Boston Celtics will be back to host a pep rally that includes a dunk show featuring Lucky, Celtics t-shirts, and Celtics players to lead the celebration.



Winter Hill Community Innovation School students, in collaboration with Boston Celtics, Alex and Ani, are off and running in their Give and Go Program efforts to raise money to help the National Autism Association.

# Outstanding students win Somerville Math Fund Scholarships CONT. FROM PG 1

One of the scholarships was given in the memory of an outstanding woman mathematician, the Dr. Alice T Schafer scholarship and another scholarship in honor of the founders of a local scholarship organization that grew into a national scholarship charity.

Alice Egar won the Alice T Schafer Scholarship. She is planning to study biology, and eventually earning a PhD. Dr. Schafer (1915 - 1909) was orphaned as an infant and raised by two aunts. When she went to college at the University of Richmond of Virginia, women students were not allowed in the library and she was discouraged from majoring in mathematics. She won prizes, earned a PhD, taught at colleges (including Wellesley) and among the things she is known for is helping start the Association for Women in Mathematics (1971).

Less known about Dr. Schafer was her helping to start the Somerville Mathematics Fund in 2000, attending all of the planning meetings and contributing to their work as long as she was able. She is remembered for her passion and work to insure mathematical opportunities for women. Since Dr. Schafer was committed to the education and supporting women in mathematics, Alice Egar's interest in doing original research is a wonderful way to honor Dr. Alice Schafer's memory.

Anmol Maini received the Charlotte and Dr. Irving Fradkin Scholarship. You can read the story of Dr. Fradkin's (and his dear wife Charlotte who worked behind the scenes to help make his dream possible) at https://scholarshipamerica.org/fradkin/.

Dr. Fradkin was the founder of Dollars for Scholars, and in

April 2013 retired from Scholarship America the parent organization after 50 years, and recently died in 2016. Anmol vision of the role of mathematics in all areas of science make him a perfect recipient of this award.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage achievement in mathematics in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. In May 2011, it was recognized as the outstanding Dollars for Scholars Chapter in New England.

Since its founding, it has awarded \$292,000 in mathematics scholarships to outstanding Somerville students. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Erica Voolich (617-666-0666 or mathfund@gmail.com) or go to www.somervillemathematics-fund.org.

# Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous #583

- mixture, hodgepodge
- What is the maximum legal weight of a bowling ball?
- 2. Who was the first man to break the sound barrier on land?
- 3. Who succeeded Theodore Roosevelt as President?
- 4. Who is the creator of *The Simpsons?*
- 5. On a computer keyboard, which letter is between G ad J?
- 6. What Broadway musical featured the song Anything You Can Do?

- 7. Who invented the figure skating Axel jump?
- 8. What did the D stand for in Franklin D. Roosevelt's name?
- 9. What is Fats Domino's real first name?
- 10. Who painted The Persistence of Memory?
- 11. What type of flowers blanket the winning horse of the Belmont Stakes?
- 12. What was the first commercially issued film soundtrack?

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## 'Wonder Woman' defeats the box office

#### By Dre Joseph

When she was first sketched on a blank page, it was 1940, the dark days of the Second World War. A year later she made her first appearance in All Star Comics. Little boys liked her because she was strong - and half-naked. Little girls liked her because she was pretty.

31 years later, in 1972, she graduated to a televised audience when she appeared as a guest in an episode of the ABC animated TV series The Brady Kids. That guest appearance led to a 13-year stint on every incarnation of the network's hit Saturday morning cartoon series Super Friends. Next, she starred in her own self-titled television film in 1974 (played by a very blonde Cathy Lee Crosby). Then, in 1975, she scored a live-action television series, when a young and brunette Lynda Carter dawned the role to commercially widespread, but ultimately short-lived, reception and success. The series ended in 1979.

She hung around in the eighties but didn't make much noise in the decade. Fast-forward to the 21st century, she returned to prominence in Cartoon Network's critically acclaimed series Justice League (2001-2004) and Justice League Unlimited (2004-2006). After that, she bounced around in the DC Animated Universe for quite a while.

But now, in 2017, she's back and it's her finest incarnation we have ever seen. Wonder Woman, based on the long-running and iconic comic book series of the same name, is one of the best cinematic choices you will make this year. Directed by Patty Jenkins and starring Gal Gadot as the titular character, Wonder Woman is wildly entertaining and equally satisfying to the eye. Allan Heinberg's screenplay drags for much of the first act, but once it hits the latter half of the second and early portion of the third, it increases to mach-3 levels.

And it must be said, Robin Wright as the Amazon general Antiope is pure gold in this movie. Wright embodied this character so well you forget she is Claire Underwood, the cold and sexy female lead on the Emmy-winning Netflix web series House of Cards. As a matter of fact, all the actors who played Amazons in this film were awesome, including Connie Nielsen as Queen Hippolyta. It was nice to see her on the big screen again.

Also, Chris Pine deserves some mention here, too, as the male lead and the person who, literally, crashes into the Amazons' lives at the beginning of the film. Pine does a convincing job as WWII soldier Captain Steve Trevor DC's unenhanced answer to Marvel's enhanced Captain America - as his naturally chauvinistic, preconceived bias of gender roles are put to the test when he meets Diana and the rest of the Amazons. What is great, though, is that Pine delivers a performance that is neither overly overdone or equally so on the opposite side of that. Instead, he gives a performance that is just about right for the size and scope of his role, as written by Heinberg, and he does it with a smile and a prayer, and it works.

But now I turn my attention to the she who is the reason for this entire review: Gal Gadot. Before this, the Israeli actress was a relative unknown with only minor success in the Fast and Furious film series. She was even considering quitting the acting business around the time Zack Snyder called her about the playing the role. I must admit when I first heard Gadot landed the part, I was not impressed. The chauvinism within me quickly came to light as I caught myself thinking, "Yea, but her boobs are too small" and "her butt isn't big enough." I pictured someone like Alexandria Daddario or someone else who met the above criteria. This is what happens when you view countless images



Gal Gadot Stars as everyone's super-Amazon, Wonder Woman, now playing at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square.

of Wonder Woman's scantily clad and aggressive cleavage, as drawn by male artists almost exclusively, but I digress.

Wonder Woman is a love letter from women to women, and Gal Gadot absolutely does the character justice with her charming "fish out of water" persona meshed with her war-cry, demigoddess-like action scenes. Like the character's origin being molded out of clay, this movie, too, is molded out, and in the image, of pro-feminism and gender equality, and admirably so.

Wonder Woman is the inaugural film of what looks to be the first superheroine trilogy and is the third of the DC Extended Universe. With over \$450M

at the box office worldwide and still growing and a 93% score on Rotten Tomatoes, Wonder Woman has supplanted itself as the top blockbuster of the year so far. The commercial and critical success of Wonder Woman aside, though, I think this film serves as the global war drum and marching order for all women, young and old, everywhere. And it should, because if the Wonder Woman character could persist for 45 years until she powered her way to the top, then real women certainly can as well.

Wonder Woman is currently playing at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square, at times ranging from 4:45 to 9:00 p.m. Tell them Dre sent you!

## Family Fun Day 2017

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI 17P3011EA

Estate of: Rita Dello Iacono

Date of Death: <u>04/17/2017</u>

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Karen Milton Everett MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Karen Milton of Everett MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/07/2017.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly Jr., First Justice of this Court.

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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representative appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitione

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Legal Notice of Public Hearing**

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

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act funding. The draft FY18 Community Preservation Plan and other information about the Community Preservation Act in Somerville are available at www.somervillema.

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

Attest: Dick Bauer, Chair 6/14/17 & 6/21/17 The Somerville Times

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might be interested in.

years together.

Happy 35th anniversary to David and Allison Bell this week. They both grew up here in Somerville and got married here as well. We wish them many more

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

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Construction for phase one of the Winter Hill Schoolyard project is scheduled to begin on the Thurston St. level on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. The first phase involves transferring the asphalt court on the lower level into a turf playing field. This field responds to the needs of the school's Physical Education program and recess use and creates additional community capacity for small fields as called for in the City's Athletic Fields Master Planning Staff Report from June 2016. The bidding process for phase two of the project, the schoolyard renovation, is underway. Community meeting presentations, reports, safety material sheets, and other project information is available at www.somervillema.gov/winterhill. For further information, contact Luisa Oliveira at LOliveira@somervillema.gov. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Somerville Labor Coalition will be holding a Candidate's Night, Tuesday, June 27, 5 p.m. at the Somerville City Club, 20 Innerbelt Rd, Somerville. The event

will be moderated by Joe Lynch of SCATV Greater Somerville.RSVP to somervillelaborcoalitionslc@ gmail.com. The SLC will endorse political candidates that best represent the values and views of organized labor within the City of Somerville.

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## 'Minimally acceptable zoning'

Mandatory Mixed Use Ratio (MMUR), which proposed raising the commercial residential split from 60/40 to 68/32 in favor of more commercial, but was dropped early in the process.

Katjana's amendment would have required 50 percent office/R&D/design and 50 percent "everything else" (grouping residential, retail, and non-office uses and letting the developer figure out the rest). "We need more commercial," she said pointedly.

To my mind, Katjana's proposal was important not because of the proposed percentages, but because it attempted to challenge US2 to offer a vision—any vision—that showed that they were willing to come up with

portion to 50 percent. The multiple drafts of a development is funded. Don't pass zoning with-ment, and the newly added Sec-ers. Matt McLaughlin was the amendment was a follow-up to plan. OSPCD argued that in oran earlier proposal, Bill White's der to do 50% commercial they would have to revise the plan to get rid of the hotel and lose 31 units of affordable housing.

> Matt McLaughlin offered a similar amendment to push the open space numbers up to 30%, a point which advocates have been pushing almost since the beginning but which likewise fell by the wayside when it became clear that US2 wasn't on board.

> Both of these were last-ditch efforts to address big-picture issues that US2 has refused to budge on. Neither proposal passed, in part because the numbers would not have squared with what US2 is currently planning to build.

#### The role of the covenant

Don't pass zoning until the CBA

out meaningful phasing guarantees. Don't pass zoning without built-in sustainability requirements. Don't pass zoning until a community center is adequately funded. Don't pass zoning without revising the contributions.

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Over the past two weeks dozens of people - self included - reached out to the Board of Aldermen and asked them not to pass zoning until the covenant could be meaningfully revised. Many of these changes could have been written into the covenant, but would have required US2 to substantially revise their plan and reengage with the community in a real way on proposed benefits. That didn't happen.

As it stands right now, the covenant does not go far enough to meaningfully address displacesurprising that the BOA didn't hold up the zoning for this. Still, it's disappointing that there wasn't more movement on the covenant, given the scope of opposition from various quarters.

To their credit, the Board of Aldermen went to great lengths to push US2 in the final meetings, proposing a series of amendments that have, in fact, made the document better. It still feels like a leap into the abyss.

#### What comes next?

At the end of the day, the threat of losing the \$13.5 million MassWorks grant, the commercial tenant, and the impending deadline of budget season proved too much. The much amended zoning passed 9-1, creating winners and los-

tion 29 strictly limits efforts that lone aldermanic hold-out. It's can be made in future. It's not a testament that the BOA can come out looking this good after approving a document with so many open commits.

"I'm not thrilled with this outcome, to be honest," said Mark Niedergang on the final night. "This is minimally adequate. I can't say I'm delighted and thrilled, but I'm minimally satisfied." A minimally adequate document, and now the baseline for development in Union Square.

But then, politics is the art of compromise. The next battle will come soon enough, when the Comprehensive Zoning Overhaul goes before the Board of Aldermen this fall. In the meantime, get some sleep, thank your Aldermen, send a postcard to OSPCD, and get yourselves ready for budget season.

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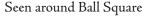
## 3 named to 'Kiwanis **Legion of Honor'**



A special luncheon was held by the Somerville Kiwanis at their well attended weekly meeting at the Mount Vernon Restaurant. Three members were honored for their many years of steadfast dedication and their many contributions to the Somerville Kiwanis, the oldest service club in Somerville, founded in 1925. Pictured above are (from L to R) Distinguished Past President James "Jay" Lynch, 30 years service; Ross Blouin, 35 years service; and Joseph Benoit, 35 years service. The awards were presented by Michael McWilliams, President of Kiwanis 2016 - 2017.

## Father's Day 2017







- Photos by Claudia Ferro

# The Little Sisters of the Poor grateful recipients of the **Cummings Foundation Grant**

By Meghan O'Brien

The Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence on Highland Avenue were chosen among over 500 applicants to be one of 100 charities to receive a grant of \$100,000 as part of this year's Cumming Foundation 100K for 100 programs.

The Sisters are thrilled about this generous gift, as it will help them in continuing their mission of serving the Elderly Poor of the Greater Boston area.

"This grant will go a long way in helping to pay the day-to-day bills that we incur in housing and caring for our over 110 Elderly," said Sister Mary Vincent who is in charge of donations for the Sisters. "The support of the Cummings Foundation is greatly appreciated!"

The Little Sisters have been serving the Elderly Poor in the Boston area for over 147 years, 127 of those years here in Somerville, offering low-income apartments, residential care, and

nursing services. The Sisters' mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

"The support of the Cummings Foundation is greatly appreciated!"

Support from community and local businesses has always been a part of the Little Sisters' tradition, essential to their mission since their inception in 1839 in France, extending their "little family" way beyond the walls of their home to include those who support them with financial help or gifts-in-kind.

"Our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, saw this sharing as a partnership' of sorts in caring for the neediest Elderly. We are grateful to have the Cummings Foundation share in our ongoing mis-



sion of loving service through this generous gift. We always keep our many benefactors in our prayers - now all those associated with this Cummings Foundation Grant will be a part of those daily prayers," says Sister Mary Vincent.

More information about the Little Sisters of the Poor can be found on their website at www. littlesistersofthepoorboston. org. For information on residing with the Little Sisters of the Poor, individuals are encouraged to call Mary Segalla, Admissions Director at 617-776-4420 x317.

#### **Union Square Portraits CONT. FROM PG 9**

father left him in the care of another "auntie" and moved without him to America, to Worcester, MA, the second largest city in the state after Boston. Andrew went to Worcester for vacations and, after he finished school, moved there to be with his father.

"In African families, you go where the father is. So it seemed like the thing to do."

Andrew's first step was to go to night school in downtown Worcester, with eight other students, to earn his GED. Then, a local community college. Then, the University of Lowell, just north of Boston. And then, more recently, while working full time at the bank, he went through a three year program at Curry College to get his MBA.

"This is a great country.

"Is it perfect? No. No rational person would say that. But there's no perfect place anywhere else. Here, there's more benefits than losses.

"I feel free here.

"Recently, I have felt differently. Right after the election, for the first time in my life, I felt physically threatened.

"I don't feel the world is crumbling down. But Trump has given a voice to racism and bigotry. It had been around, but now they have somebody to speak their voice.

"But what makes America great is all the people out there protesting against the policies being put forward by this guy.

"Donald J. Trump." He laughs. "Put that down on the record. Donald...J...Trump."

The game arrives at half time, the Patriots are way down, and Andrew is discouraged. We get second helpings of Creole goat and red wine, and then keep talking about America.

"I love that I can say what I want here. I don't have to say things I don't believe in. Don't have to go along to get along. I can disagree.

"I find myself at odds with people with a herd mentality, who stick to the status quo.

"I don't try to appease anybody. I speak my mind.

"That gets me in a lot of trouble sometimes.

"But I'm a man of my own. My own thought process."

Andrew considers himself mostly liberal, but independent. For example, he is a strong supporter of the Second Amend-

"Imagine living in a small town out in the middle of nowhere. Would you want the sheriff to be the only person who has a

I ask him whether anything else he loves about America is coming to mind.

"I like McDonalds," he laughs. "I don't eat a lot of it. But if I was lost anywhere in the world, and I found a McDonalds, I'd feel like I was in America, have some sense of home.

"Coca Cola too.

"Apple.

"Overall, I like this country a

"I think people have good principles."

What do you love most about your life now?"

"I'm free. I can go anywhere. Do anything. I don't have to report to anyone, ask permission. I can do whatever I want.

"I love my girlfriend.

"Working.

"That I finished graduate school!! I don't ever have to do college again."

I ask him what it was like to become an American citizen.

"It. Felt. Great.

"September 17, 2010!!

"Me, mon, I became a classique Americano.... Shit. Is. On!"

He grins.

"What do you most want to accomplish in the future?"

"So many things....

"I want to have my own business. Or find a way to work from home. I want more independence. But it's tough.

"I want to have a family. I want to have kids.

"I will be tough on them. Tough! And they'll later." He grins again.

As the game goes on, and the Patriots start making their historic comeback, Andrew can't stay in his seat. He is up on his feet, pacing back and forth watching the TV, yelling at the top of his lungs whenever they make a good play.

As soon as the game is over, he starts making multiple phone calls, animatedly hashing over the game with old friends from the University of Lowell.

I thank him for the Creole goat and wine, and head out. As I drive home, people are shouting "Go Pats!" out of the windows of their cars. Andrew is as excited as any of them.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Wednesday June 21 **East Branch Library** 

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

#### Thursday June 22

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

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

**Central Library** Family action lab

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Friday June 23

**Central Library** 

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

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

**East Branch Library Book Group** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturday June 24

**Family Fun Day** 12 p.m.| Trum Field

Monday June 26 **Central Library** 

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

**Central Library** 

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

#### Tuesday June 27

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

#### Wednesday June 28

**East Branch Library** 

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

**East Branch Library** 

Reading Kick-off at East 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **MUSIC** | ARTS

#### Wednesday June 21

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Rey Royale Mailman Carl

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7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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**Bull McCabe's Pub** The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

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Thunder Road Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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Union Square Somerville Playlist presents 6 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

9 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

Penny 4 Ya Thoughts?

RVRSR Album Release

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday June 22

Sally O'Brien's

Classic Ruins, Asa Brebner & The Naked 'I's 8 30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Peter Parcek and Patrick Coman|7 p.m.

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

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Little Lamb

Pat Mongeau & the Janky Teeth 7:30 p.m.l345 Somerville Ave

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Samba Bar & Grille

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**Thunder Road** Harry Jay & The Bling, Roosevelt

Dime, Jenna Lotti 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Evan Dando lason Loewenstein

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

John Williams Jam Band 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday June 23

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Shotgun Waltz, Emily Grogan Band, PowerSlut \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Thunder Road

Harsh Armadillo (Funk/Soul) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

**Dead Rabbitts** Northern Ghost, Set To Stun 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Spark in the dark 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday June 24

Sally O'Brien's Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m.

Sloth Machine|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

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Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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**Thunder Road** 

Disco Saturdays @ Pop Icon Brunch Thunder Road 11 a.m. Booty Vortex (Funk/Disco)|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell 255 Flm Street

Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory A special evening with Jennifer Greer and Zion Rodman

8 p.m.|Cafe Luminarium Gala 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

Highland Ave Sunday| June 25

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

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

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

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

**Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DI

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

**Thunder Road** Katy Perry Tribute Brunch: "This Is How We Do (Brunch)"|10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma|7 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Walker Lukens Thomas Wynn & The Believers, Keelan Donovan

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Hillbilly Holiday 2 p.m|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Zumbathon® Charity Event for Daysi

Moreno 10:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|

Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Monday June 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

dy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room

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

P.A.'s Lounge

LDT Donna Vatnick Noelle Micarelli Alexa Rose

Tory Silver

8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub** 

Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave 617-440-6045 **Thunder Road** 

League Podcast Presents: TWRP

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Sandmen (Morphine Tribute)

Doc Ellis 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday June 27

Arts at the Armory

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Queer Tango

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10

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p.m.

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

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**Thunder Road** That One Eyed Kid (indie/dance) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Metal Yoga with Black Widow Yoga 6:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Pub Sing at The Armory 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday|June 28

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

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-The Burren

Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

p.m. Back Room **Backroom Series:** Comedy Night With Jordan Han-

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

On The Hill Tavern

dren-Seavey 10 p.m.

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Mr. Kitty and The Rain Within 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

14 Tyler Street

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club - Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday June 21

**Central Library** 

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

**Central Library** CPC general public member search

Thursday June 22

review committee

**East Branch Library** 

**Central Library** 

**Central Library** Family action lab 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

FREE Yoga at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

40 College Ave East Branch Library

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

#### For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday June 24

**Central Library** 

Men's Support Group of Greater Boston 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Union Square Farmer's Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza **Bagel Bards** 

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weekly to discuss their work

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

Sunday June 25 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

Action Together Camberville Meet &

Greet with Rep. Paul Mark 6 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday June 26

**Central Library** 

115 Broadway

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

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave Tuesday June 27

Wednesday June 28

West Branch Library

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

Drop in Knitting at West Branch

**Central Library** Mystery Book Club

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

### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

\*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Afternoon At The Movies – Tuesday, June 27 – 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This month's movie is Hidden Figures. Please reserve your spot by calling Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

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

The day trip to the JFK Museum scheduled for Monday, July 10th is SOLD OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at

4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

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

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

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

#### **Mondays:**

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

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

#### **Every Monday**

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

#### **Every Tuesday**

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

#### **Every Wednesday**

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

#### **Every Thursday**

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

#### **Every Friday**

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

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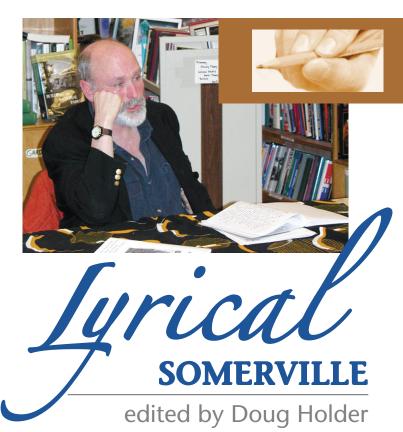
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Wednesday, June 21		7:00pm	(LIVE) Taking Back Your Health	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	Esoteric Science
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	4:00pm	Words on Film	2:30pm	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center
7:30am	Somerville Storytellers	8:00pm	(LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Science 360	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	The Struggle
11:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, Ju	Ina 73	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
11:30am	Hello Neighbor!	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Start Up TV Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate		Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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4:00pm	Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ		
5:00pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church		, June 27
5:30pm	Justicia Migrante	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
6:00pm	Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Art at SCAT
7:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SCOUTV	12:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	,
9:30pm	Beyond Boston	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	10:30am	,
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction	11:00am	
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	The Language of Business	6:00pm	DW In Good Shape	1:00pm	(LIVE) Words on Film
7:30am	Esoteric Science	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
9:00am	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Public Domain Film Festival	4:00pm	Aging Well
		11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	4:30pm	The Struggle
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville		, ,		, ,	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
11:30am	What's Left	Saturday	• •	Monday,		6:00pm	What's New Massachusetts?
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am	Health is Wealth	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents		CATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions	8:00pm	(LIVE) Dead Air Live
4:30pm	Off the Shelf	10:00am	TeleGalaxie	10:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
5:00pm	DW Global 3000	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	11:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
5:30pm	Legacies	12:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	11:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Real Estate Answers
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9:00am	SomerViva en Español	2:00am So	omerville Community Choice Electricity Info	10:05pm	SomerViva	8:49pm	SomerStreets: Carnaval
9:30am	SomerViva	2:15am	SomerViva	10:34pm	Somerville Community Choice Electricity Info	9:39pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
10:00am	Porchfest 2017	2:37am	Connecting Communities - Take Back Day	10:49pm	Porchfest 2017	10:07pm	SomerViva en Español
12:00pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	9:00am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	Sunday,	lune 25	10:34pm	Porchfest 2017
12:18pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	9:18am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:00am	Life Resurrected	Tuesday	lune 27
12:31pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	11:30am	SomerStreets: Carnaval	1:00am	Congressional Update	12:00am	Mayor's Business Town Meeting
1:01pm	Congressional Update	12:20pm	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil	1:30am	SomerStreets: Carnaval	1:12am	Somerville Community Choice Electricity
1:30pm	SomerStreets: Carnaval	12:47pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	2:20am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1:30am	SomerViva
2:30pm	SomerViva en Español	1:06pm	Memorial on the Mystic	9:00am	Life Resurrected	1:52am	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil
3:00pm	Memorial on the Mystic	2:41pm	SomerViva en Español	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	2:19am	SomerViva
6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole	6:30pm	Memorial Day Parade 2017	12:30pm	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	9:00am	SomerViva
Thursday	lumo 22	8:17pm	An Economic History of Somerville	2:30pm	SomerViva	9:30am	SomerViva en Espanol
12:00am	Senior Circuit	9:30pm	Congressional Update	6:30pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	10:00am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults
12:30am	Memorial Day Parade 2017	10:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	6:42pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
2:17am	SomerViva	10:30pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	7:01pm	Senior Circuit	12:30pm	Life Resurrected
2:46am	SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness	10:48pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	7:31pm	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil	1:20pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
8:00am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	Saturday	, June 24	8:00pm	Congressional Update	1:39pm	Memorial on the Mystic
	Haitian Community Mtg Immigration Law	12:00am	SomerStreets: Carnaval	8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6.22.17	3:18pm	SomerViva
10:21am	SomerViva	12:50am	Pride Flag Raising 2017	Monday,	lune 26	6:30pm	Somerville Community Choice Electricity
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Emergency Preparedness"	1:03am	Nunziato Park & Stormwater Meeting	12:00am	Senior Circuit	7:00pm	Senior Circuit
12:30pm	SomerStreets: Carnaval	9:00am	Jane's Walk	12:30am	Memorial on the Mystic	7:30pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
1:20pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	10:19am	Pride Flag Raising 2017	2:05am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	8:00pm	Week of the Young Child
1:33pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	12:00pm		8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	8:35pm	Haitian Community Mtg Immigration Law
2:02pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:30pm	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	9:00am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	10:00pm	Life Resurrected
3:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	2:30pm	Memorial on the Mystic	9:18am	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	10:50pm	SomerViva
6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole	6:30pm	SomerStreets: Carnaval	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6.22.17	Wednes	day, June 28
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	7:20pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	3:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	12:00am	Senior Circuit
· '	•	7:33pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	6:30pm	Connecting Communities - Take Back Day	12:30am	Memorial Day Parade 2017
Friday, Ju	iile 23	8:01pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	7:00pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	2:17am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"

## **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

Wednesday	June 21	11:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert	10:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2017	3:00pm	Argenziano Spring Concert
9:00am	SCALE Graduation 2017	Friday, June 23		11:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert	4:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club
10:00am	WSNS Science Fair	12:03am	2017 SHS Graduation	Sunday, June 2	25	6:00pm	WHCS Leadership Day
11:00am	Healey School Spring Concert	2:00am	SHS Prom Red Carpet	12:03am	SHS Scholarship Awards	7:00pm	ESCS Spring Concert
12:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	3:00am	Public Domain Theater	2:30am	Boys' Middle School Basketball	8:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert
2:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	9:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert	5:00am	Public Domain Theater		Middle School Basketball Championship
3:00pm	WHCS Leadership Day	10:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club	9:00am	WHCS Leadership Day	10:30pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
4:00pm	Argenziano Spring Concert	12:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	10:00am	WSNS Spring Concert	Tuesday, Jun	e <b>27</b>
5:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2017	3:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2017	11:15am	WSNS Science Fair	12:00am	Argenziano Spring Concert
6:00pm	WSNS Science Fair	4:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert	12:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert	1:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club
7:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert	5:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	1:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2017	2:30am	2017 SHS Class Day
8:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	6:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	2:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert	5:00am	Public Domain Theater
10:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	8:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	3:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	9:00am	2017 SHS Graduation
11:00pm	WHCS Leadership Day	11:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2017	4:pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	11:00am	SCALE Graduation 2017
Thursday, I	Thursday, June 22 Saturday, June 24		24	5:00pm	WHCS Leadership Day	12:00pm	WHCS Leadership Day
12:00am	Argenziano Spring Concert	12:00am	Healey School Spring Concert	6:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert	1:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads
1:00am	Boys' Middle School Basketball	12:35am	WSNS Science Fair	7:15pm	WSNS Science Fair	2:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert
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11:30am	Boys' Middle School Basketball	10:30am	Boys' Middle School Basketball	11:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	6:00pm	ESCS Spring Concert
1:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet	12:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	Monday, June	26	7:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert
2:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	1:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	12:30am	Girls' Middle School Basketball	8:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball
3:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert	2:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2017	1:45am	WSNS Science Fair	9:30pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
5:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert	3:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert	9:00am	WHCS Leadership Day	11:00pm	Argenziano Spring Concert
6:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball	5:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball	10:00am	ESCS Spring Concert	Wednesday,	June 28
7:30pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	6:30pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	11:00am	El Sistema Spring Concert	12:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club
9:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet	8:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	12:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball	1:30am	Boys' Middle School Basketball
10:00pm	El Sistema Spring Concert	9:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	1:30pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball	2:34am	Girls' Middle School Basketball



Our featured poet this week is Somerville's Ed Meek. Ed is a poet and fiction writer. His latest short story collection is titled *Luck*.



#### Ghosts

If there is an Oversoul as the transcendentalists thought ghosts inhabit it...

Maybe Undersoul is more accurate.

Underneath the earth, deep underground a railroad: cars filled with the dead children of Sandy Hook, Columbine, Virginia Tech, on their way to Paradise...

I like to think I hear the train whistle in the distance as I walk to work, and as I lie dreaming at night in bed,

anxiously drifting in and out of sleep.

— Ed Meek

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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# Ron Israel: Bringing the art of Protest Songs to the Paris of New England



I met singer/songwriter Ron Israel at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square. Although I was unable to secure my usual seat in the back of the bustling cafe, I did manage to get a window seat in the front for our interview. Israel is a man of a certain age, with an elfin and inquisitive look about him. He proved to be contemplative and deliberative in our conversation.

Israel told me that he wanted to talk about an event he is organizing that will take place at the Somerville Arts Armory titled *The Art of the Protest Song*. It will take place July 2, at 7:00 p.m. All the proceeds from the concert will go to the Mass. Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Center.

The performers will be Sarah Lee Guthrie, the granddaughter of Woody Guthrie, folksinger David Roth, noted poet and performer Regie Gibson, and the Clave & Blues Band, a jazz influenced Cuban group.

Israel has an interesting background. He identifies himself as a folksinger even though he feels the term may be antiquated. He revealed in an interview, "I am fortunate to have had my music blessed by the many folks who attend my shows,

and by a number of people I admire in the 'music business,' like the late Columbia Records producer John Hammond, Sr., Richie Havens, Stephen Davis of *Rolling Stone* magazine, Susan Stamberg of National Public Radio, etc."

Israel has long been a practitioner of the Protest Song, which he considers an art, rather than just a rant about politics. He traces his influences back to Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger and others. He feels that there has long been a dormancy of politically conscious music, but he feels it is reviving, spurred on by the ascent of Donald Trump.

Israel's latest CD is titled Homeless in America: Blues and Protest Songs in an Era of Trump. Israel reflected on his latest release, "I've been motivated by the divisive path that the new administration is taking."

Although Israel has been involved in music for many years he has been long involved in work that addresses the needs of developing nations. It is evident that Israel is someone who firmly believes that protest music can bring change and he is going to bring it back home to Somerville, Ma.

# Ms. Cam's Tom on page 14 Answers

- 1. 16 pounds
- Paulsen
- 2. Andy Green driving the ThrustSSC car
- 8. Delano
- 3. William Howard Taft
- 9. Antoine
- 4. Matt Groening
- 10. Salvador Dali
- 5. H
- 11. White carnations
- 6. Annie Get Your Gun
- 12. Walt Disney's 1937 film Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- 7. Norwegian skater Axel

### Residents invited to participate in Union Square Neighborhood Council

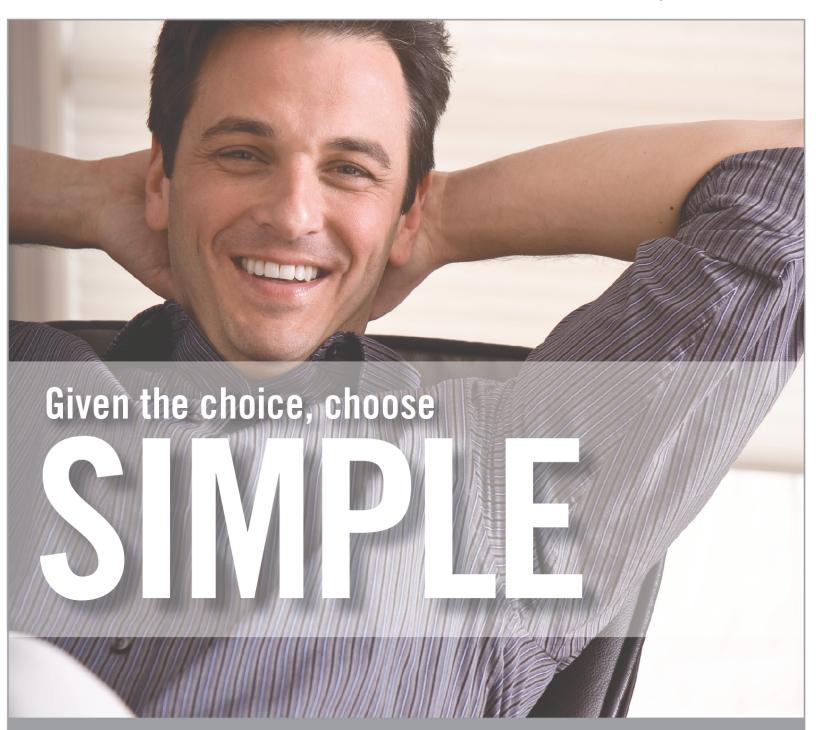
With the recent passing of Union Square Zoning, the redevelopment transition in the Union Square neighborhood is taking off. A neighborhood council is forming to influence the transformation and help shape the future of Union Square, and neighborhood residents and business owners are invited to participate.

Join the Union Square Neighborhood Council for a community meeting on either Wednesday, June 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or Saturday, June 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., both at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

At the meetings you will have a chance to:

- · Learn more about the proposed Council
- · Provide input on the Council's role and approach
- · Learn how to run for the first-year Union Square Neighborhood Council Board
- · Meet your neighbors and fellow engaged community members

For more information about the Union Square Neighborhood Council, visit www.UnionSquare-NeighborhoodCouncil.org or contact Sue Thomas at SThomas@somervillema.gov.



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