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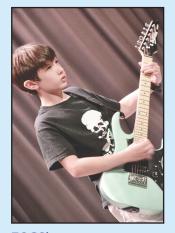
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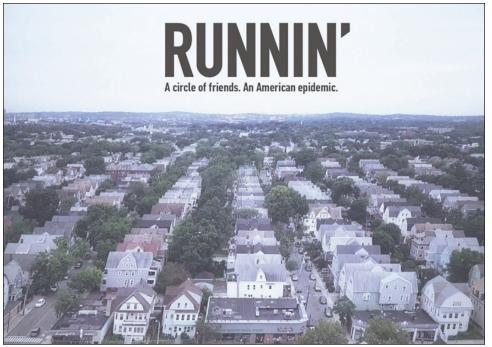
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## Runnin': documenting Somerville's opioid epidemic



The documentary "Runnin" provides an unfiltered view of the opioid crisis and the toll it has taken in the lives of many Somerville victims.

— Photo courtesy of STAT

#### By Ian Erlichman

A scrappy looking man, with a weathered face and ice blue eye, sits in a collapsible chair in a furniture-less warehouse. His name is Marky Pantanella, and he was an opioid addict. Like many of his kind, now with a shrunken circle of childhood friends. "I feel like I'm the last man standing," he remarked to the camera. Pantanella is featured in a film called Runnin, directed by his childhood friend, and STAT journalist, Alex Hogan.

The documentary's aim was to use Somerville as a case study in an investigation of America's opioid epidemic. "By seeing what happened there, we can understand how it happened everywhere," said Hogan. Much like the rest of the country, the epidemic started in the 1990's with a prescription drug called OxyContin. Manufactured by Purdue

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## Taste of Somerville culinary festival hits the spot

#### By Shira Laucharoen

Andalusian gazpacho topped with black olives and breadcrumbs. Black raspberry and chocolate ice cream in burnt marshmallow fluff cones, decorated with a rim of Fruity Pebbles or bacon.

These were among the samplings taking the stage at the 20th annual Taste of Somerville, a food and drink festival held on Wednesday, June 20, at Nathan Tufts Park.

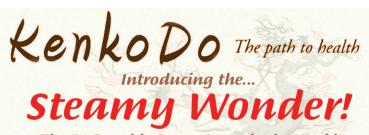
With representation from over 60 local restaurants, food trucks, breweries, and wineries, the event was a lavish celebration of Somerville's rich and diverse gastronomic world.

"The way I talk about it is, in Somerville, anyone who lives there knows the culinary and drinking scene has been exploding in the past few years. It's almost better than Boston at this point," said Taste of Somerville committee member Luke O'Neil. "For a city of its size, it's amazing, the breadth of options you can get. You can get high end stuff, Continued on page 5



Guests flocked to the 20th annual Taste of Somerville food festival held in Nathan Tufts Park on June 20.

— Photo by Shira Laucharoen



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The pre-July 4th fireworks here in Somerville is this Thursday, June 28. We hear it may rain, and you know what that means. But as of today it has not been cancelled. Let's hope whoever is in charge of the event or here in the city makes the right call this time.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy Birthday to local Winter Hill resident Jonathan Buck, who is celebrating this week. He is manager of Mirak Motors in Arlington. Stop in and see the many Chevrolets and Hyundais for sale and wish him a happy birthday. Happy birthday to former writer for *The Times*, Beecher Tuttle. We wish him a good day. Happy birthday to local real estate agent at Benoit Realty, Len Ferrari, who grew up here in Somerville. Happy birthday to former resident Dean Glines. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Katherine Cremins. We hope she has a great birthday this week as well. Happy birthday to Rod Laurenz, who is a member of Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis, as well as being the Chamber of Commerce's president. Also celebrating this week is local attorney and good guy Phil Privitera. We wish him the very best of birthdays. He's 50 now, and we're sure he will have a big party. Happy birthday as well to all the others we may have missed and, yes, there are a few more out there. We sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Congratulations to Russell and Michelle Koty, who were married this past weekend. Russell is the youngest of the Koty family, and the last to get married. We wish them both a long and happy marriage. We hear that Mayor Joe Curtatone officiated at the ceremony.

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Happy 50th Anniversary to our good friends Gennaro and Ida Fasano, a great couple. Lately Ida has been getting more involved with her artwork and is pretty good at it. We wish them both the very best future together. They are celebrating at a party in Winchester this coming Saturday and we will be there. Ida still works as a real estate agent for **The Norton Group**.

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: City opposes immigration policy separating children from parents

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Somerville leaned heavy and got the job done. Next.

#### LindaS says:

It amazes me that any government administration in this day and age could ever condone this type of behavior. Have they learned nothing from the Japanese internment camps decades ago? I don't see this as anything other than an inhumane, unnecessary and unacceptable way to handle

immigration concerns. Using cruelty to deter families who are fleeing danger is not going to work, simply because these people probably figure it is safer to have their children taken away into custody than to have them killed by whoever they are fleeing from.

If you had a choice between staying in your homeland and getting killed, or having your kids taken away from you to a place where they'll likely be safe, what would you choose? These people are desperate, which is why they're still coming.

The President (and I use that term loosely these days) needs to stop blaming the Democrats for everything when he gets negative press, and stop taking all the credit whenever things are positive. Like a child, he runs to his rallies to get support whenever things are making him look bad, and avoids confrontation when he knows people are going to be angry with him. That's not how the mature leader of a country should behave.

Saying this issue is not up to him is ridiculous, especially since he proved by signing his new Executive Order that he could have done something about this from the very beginning.

I'm just glad that cities like ours can step up when it matters, even though it shouldn't be left to them to do what needs to be done.

#### Response to: Second of two short-term rentals community discussion rescheduled for July 19

Can we please just harmonize with Boston....I know we think we're special, but let's take cues from the region.

#### Response to: Out of town party crashers beat and stab Somerville teen

Oh Boy says:

And the coverup begins . .

#### Roger says:

Because this newspaper actually did its job and interviewed people that were at the event, and performed a much needed initial investigation, you're going to call it a coverup? Or Puppet reporting? There really is no common sense left in this world! You people that are negatively commenting have already a held trial in your own heads based on unsubstantiated testimony of a news paper (with an proven history of vindictive axes to grind) and are seeking instant death sentences based on this biased opinion of this news paper that has been bullying the Mayor and his family for well over a year? All based on an event that occurred just 2 days ago! That, is just unfair to an entire City! Keep your one sided uneducated theory's to yourself until facts are released. Don't be part of the problem! Be part of the solution!

#### Jim says:

This is a parent's nightmare. Sounds like responsible parents trying to create a safe environment for kids to have fun. Let's hope the Somerville PD catch these scumbags

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## **Conway Park and Playground update**

EPA and MassDEP are active on this project and working to assist us as we continue with our assessment, and we took several important steps forward last week.

Each agency sent a representative to the site last week for a joint walk-about to inform their requirements for further testing. The visit was important progress. With EPA and MassDEP guidance, our Licensed Site Professional, Weston & Sampson, is finalizing a plan for the next phase of required testing.

To accelerate the process, the city submitted an appropriation request to the Board of Aldermen on Thursday, June 14, to fund the next round of testing, and it was swiftly passed by the Board at the same session. With funding in place, this means that as soon as the EPA approves the testing plan, Weston & Sampson will be able to begin their assessment immediately.

After the testing, our hope is to have sufficient data to support reopening the playground as quickly as possible. In addition, the goal for the athletic field is to collect sufficient data to develop an approved cleanup plan that can be integrated into its planned renovation.

Playground Area Next Steps

Once given EPA approval,

Weston & Sampson will conduct additional assessment in the playground area.

Depending on the results of additional testing, Weston & Sampson will confer with regulators regarding next steps for either full or partial reopening of the playground.

To work toward the earliest possible reopening of the playground, Weston & Sampson has agreed to make every effort to expedite the additional testing.

The Parks and Recreation (P&R) Department continues to work with area daycare/youth providers to identify alternative play areas. If you have questions regarding park or playground alternatives, please contact P&R Director Jill Lathan at jlathan@ somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2983.

Playground reopening: We understand that members of the community are anxious to see the playground reopen. We are too. It is important however to understand the EPA's role. EPA must adhere to strict protocols that shape their timelines, but we are confident that the agency will strive to prevent any avoidable delay. Because EPA is in control of the pace of their regulatory review, and the results of additional testing could impact the time-



line, we will not have a defined time frame for the completion of this process until we receive further guidance. But we will keep the community updated on our progress, and we are making every effort to complete steps in our control as swiftly as possible.

Athletic Field Area Next Steps Once given EPA approval, Weston & Sampson will conduct additional assessment of the infield and outfield areas, as well as of the entrance/conces-

Weston & Sampson will review the data and develop a cleanup plan for review by EPA.

sion areas outside of the fence.

The Parks and Recreation

(P&R) Department continues to work with our youth athletic field users to minimize displacement. If you have questions regarding park or playground alternatives, please contact P&R Director Jill Lathan at ilathan@ somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2983.

Park redesign: As part of the City's Fields Master Plan, Conway field is slated for a needed redesign and upgrade. It is the city's intent to begin the design process soon so that renovations can begin in a timely manner after remediation is complete. To that end, a request for design funds will be made shortly to the

Board of Aldermen. If approved, we will next select a landscape architecture firm for the project. Once we have a team on board, the community process will follow. We understand that community members are eager to start the field redesign process. We share that goal and will keep you posted on our progress.

#### Contact Us

As always, we are happy to answer your additional questions. Please feel free to contact Director of Parks and Open Space Arn Franzen at 617-625-6600 x2545 or afranzen@somervillema.gov.

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# By Jim Clark

## Shoplifting team strikes out

Police officers were dispatched to the Home Depot on Mystic Ave. last week on reports of a known shoplifter in the store, known to them as Jillian Bourque, Saugus.

Upon arrival, a concerned citizen flagged down the officers and told them that he he saw a female exit a vehicle which was parked in the Cambridge Health Alliance parking lot across the street from Home Depot, in the lane closest to the street.

He said the female walked into Home Depot approximately 35 minutes earlier, and he was concerned because she appeared to be "high," and he was worried she was using drugs in the store bathroom.

The man also said another female was still sitting in the vehicle. The officers showed the man

a photo of Bourque they had received from the store Loss Prevention personnel and he confirmed that she was the woman he had seen.

The officers located the vehicle in question and immediately recognized it as one they have seen in the area before. The vehicle showed up as being registered to Casey Fitzgerald, of N. Reading, and the officers observed Fitzgerald seated in the driver's seat.

According to the store Loss Prevention staff, Bourque had concealed merchandise in her purse and was headed for the contractor's exit with a shopping cart containing unpaid merchandise.

As the officers pulled up to the front of the store, they observed that Fitzgerald had pulled the vehicle up to the exit, presumably

so that Bourque could jump in.

The store staffer reportedly told police that while she was walking out of the store with unpaid merchandise, he heard Bourque on her cell phone frantically say, "Which door?" before becoming overwhelmed and ditching the shopping cart of unpaid merchandise next to one of the register.

According to police, it is very common for shoplifters working together to communicate via cell phone, including alerting each other to police presence.

The officers located \$233.12 worth of miscellaneous merchandise, including copper fittings, and batteries inside Bourque's purse. In the shopping cart she attempted to leave the store with, an additional \$160.26 worth of miscellaneous mer-

chandise was reportedly found, bringing the total to \$393.38.

Bourque and Fitzgerald were both read their Miranda rights, and stated they wished to speak with the officers.

Bourque reportedly then told the officers that she met Fitzgerald two weeks earlier through a mutual friend named Mikey. She said that Fitzgerald drove her to the Home Depot and told her what types of items to steal, allegedly telling Bourque that she couldn't go inside the store herself, as she had stolen merchandise from there before.

Bourque further said that Fitzgerald called her and told her she was taking too long, that they had to leave, and that she would leave her there if she didn't come outside. She said that Fitzgerald returns the stolen items to Home Depot stores in exchange for gift cards.

Fitzgerald also told the officers she met Bourque only two weeks earlier through a mutual friend, but she said she sells the stolen items in the store parking lot for cash. She admitted to having a drug problem, and I observed fresh marks on her body, as well as drug paraphernalia in

Since both women admitted to coming to Home Depot with the intent to steal, they were placed under arrest for larceny under \$1,200, and conspiracy.

Fitzgerald asked if she could leave her vehicle in the Home Depot parking lot so it wouldn't be towed, and the officers received permission from the store for her vehicle to remain there for a few hours.

## **Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210**

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Jillian Bourque, of 19 Adams Ave., Saugus, June 18, 8:15 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of larceny under \$1200

and conspiracy.

Casey Fitzgerald, of 6 Redmond Ave., N. Reading, June 18, 8:15 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of larceny

under \$1200 and conspiracy.

Jordan Kert, of 24 Thorndike St., June 21, 1:55 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on warrant

charges of criminal harrass-

ment subsequent offense and harrassment prevention order violation.

**Troy Larocque**, of 81 Morton Ave., Medford, June 22,

4:51 p.m., arrested at Thorn-dike St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering and possession of a burglarious instrument.

## Somerville Police investigating stabbing in Prospect Hill neighborhood

On June 21, 2018, at approximately 11:03 p.m. officers were dispatched to Prospect Hill Park for a large fight. Upon arrival they discovered a juvenile victim suffering from stab wounds, and an adult victim suffering from a blunt-trauma injury. Both victims were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.



This is an ongoing investigation and there is no additional information available at this time.

— Somerville Police Dept

## Runnin': documenting Somerville's opioid epidemic CONT. FROM PG

Pharmaceutical, OxyContin was "marketed aggressively and dishonestly," said Hogan.

Purdue tried to convince doctors that "opioids were non-addictive and that they weren't harmful," Hogan said. "Now we know, obviously, that that's not the case."

Addiction to OxyContin was accelerated because of both its availability and its relative youth in the recreational drug scene. "It was very easy to get your hands on it. Easier than alcohol and marijuana, in high school," said Somerville firefighter Mike Curtis, during a film interview. "Now, people know what OxyContin is. When I was a kid, no

one did," remembers Hogan.

After OxyContin, or OCs, hit the streets, the black-market demand for them exploded. To satiate this demand, addicts would rob pharmacies for OxyContin. "I feel like every other week you would read that another CVS got robbed," recalled Hogan.

Pharmacies stopped stocking OCs because of the inherent risk of having them, which further increased OxyContin's black-market demand.

In an attempt to stop Oxycontin's recreational abuse, another formulation was made "so you couldn't crush it and snort it," said Hogan. "As it got harder to get, people switched to heroin."

"It's a lot cheaper, a lot easier to get, and a lot more dangerous."

According to Hogan, the switch to heroin peaked in the mid-2000s and soon, society started to feel the effects. According to the Department of Justice, nation-wide heroin overdoses jumped from three thousand in 2010 to nearly thirteen thousand in 2015.

During this span, opioids claimed the lives of two of Hogan's childhood friends, Alex Foster and Kevin Sullivan.

"Recently," Hogan said, "it not even heroin anymore, its synthetic opioids." Addicts are switching to primarily a synthetic opioid called fentanyl because you need less of it for the same effects explains Hogan. Fentanyl can be even deadlier than heroin because of it potency, which according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse is anywhere from 50 to 100 times that of heroin.

According to Hogan, amounts of Fentanyl "the size of grains of salt," can mean the difference between an ordinary high and an overdose. Data from the Center for Disease Control reflects this, reporting that fentanyl related overdoses spiked by over 70 percent from July 2016 to July 2017.

The good news is that the people of Somerville are fighting back. Among them are the

parents of the late Alex Foster, who founded the Alex Foster Foundation to educate the public about the dangers of opioid addiction.

According to Hogan, that scrappy looking man, Marky Pantanella is "doing great" and recently landed a job at a local gas station.

You can watch Runnin' at www. statnews.com/2018/05/22/runnin-new-documentary-stat and donate to the Alex Foster Foundation at www.aff-soar.org.

If you or someone you know is abusing opioids, please contact the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline at (800) 327-5050

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#### Taste of Somerville culinary festival hits the spot CONT. FROM PG 1

fine dining doing experimental stuff, to neighborhood restaurants doing authentic food from different cultures."

Scaling the slopes of the park, attendees had a chance to experience a host of edible options made available at the restaurants' tables. Tony C's served up shrimp and watermelon skewers, flavored with Cajun seasoning and drops of balsamic vinaigrette. Highland Kitchen offered a guajillo chili flatbread with mushroom lentil chorizo and fresh cheese. In the VIP section, guests were treated to Japanese brioche bread from Tasting Counter, complete with a choice of two jams. Meanwhile, Field and Vine provided marinated Persian cucumbers with cashew butter.

One of the goals of the festival was to introduce the public to new and exciting offerings, with the hope that visitors will be surprised by what they taste and encouraged to try more, said general manager of Fuji at Assembly Peter Ho.

"All of our maki rolls have a seaweed wrapper and sushi rice prepped with rice vinegar, saki, and sugar. The unagi have eel sauce, and the spicy tuna and salmon are mixed with spicy mayo and have tempura bits. The California roll, you don't want to mess with that," said Ho. "It's a big group, so you want crowd pleasers, or recognizable things. The chefs like to be creative, but on a large scale, we let the quality and freshness come through."

The Taste of Somerville is produced by the Somerville Chamber of Commerce Dining and Nightlife Group. In addition to exposing diners to a variety of cuisines, the festival featured live entertainment, including music, games, and martial arts demonstrations. Proceeds from the event will be going to the Walnut Street Center, a nonprofit organization that supports adults with developmental disabilities in pursuing fulfilling lives.

The event allowed participants to experience the character of Somerville and potentially plan out their dining schedule for the next few months, said O'Neil. Restaurant owners intended their samples to reflect their menus, presenting a slice of culture and a preview of what guests can find at their establishments. The festival may inspire attendees to visit a local restaurant and get a sense of its unique flavor, said



Fuji at Assembly served a variety of seafood and vegetarian sushi options. — Photos by Shira Laucharoen



Servers from Gracie's Ice Cream prepared cones dipped in marshmallow fluff by toasting them with a torch.

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Union Square's Juliet offered glasses of gazpacho, made from tomatoes, bell peppers, garlic, sherry vinegar, and olive oil.



The festival featured live music from local bands, such as Bat House.

co-owner of Juliet Josh Lewin.

middle of the room," Lewin said. "It's a very small restaurant. It's an experienced based dinner where you see and hear

everything being prepared around you. "At Juliet, the kitchen is right in the Even the service staff are polishing glasses. None of it is hidden. We're not just serving seasonal food; there's a cultural perspective that changes."

## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of June 18-22.

## RAISE MINIMUM WAGE, FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE AND SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 4640)

House 119-24, Senate 30-8, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would hike the minimum wage from \$11 to \$15 over five years; increase the wage for tipped workers from \$3.75 to \$6.75 over five years; phase out over five years extra pay for employees who work on Sundays and holidays; institute a permanent sales tax holiday on a weekend every August; and establish a \$1 billion family and medical leave program funded by a payroll tax paid for by both employers and employees.

Dubbed the "Grand Bargain Bill" by its supporters, the compromise bill is in response to the likely successful effort by the Raise Up Massachusetts coalition to get the minimum wage and paid leave questions on the November ballot; and the likely success of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts (RAM) to get a question on the ballot to reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent.

Raise Up Massachusetts has agreed not to bring its family and medical question to the ballot while RAM has agreed to drop its effort to reduce the sales tax to 5 percent. The fate of the minimum wage ballot question is undetermined. The version passed by the Legislature differs from the ballot question version in several ways. The legislative version gives the raise to \$15 over five years rather than the four years on the ballot version; does not include tying the minimum wage to inflation; and includes phasing out extra pay for employees who work on Sundays and holidays.

RAM President Jon Hurst had mixed feelings about the compromise but ultimately embraced it. "The compromise legislation passed today contains very costly initiatives that will negatively impact the thousands of small business owners and their employees that RAM represents," said Hurst. "The retail marketplace has never been more competitive, and the margins have never been smaller. The new payroll mandates passed today will significantly increase costs, resulting in businesses being less competitive, forcing some doors to close and good jobs to be lost. This is not rhetoric, but reality. At the same time, the results would be far worse had these measures gone to the ballot, and the Legislature deserves credit for bringing the parties together to bring a balanced resolution."

Meanwhile, critics of the compromise say that RAM was able to extract compromises from Raise Up by using the sales tax cut as a bargaining chip. The Supreme Judicial Court had just ruled that a proposed ballot question imposing an additional 4 percent income tax on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million cannot go on the November 2018 ballot. Supporters of that measure saw millions of tax dollars lost as a result of the decision and said that reducing the sales tax would cause a fiscal crisis and require cutbacks of many programs.

"This bill empowers workers, recognizes the needs of business owners, and ensures that Massachusetts residents will no longer have to choose between caring for a sick relative or losing their job," said Rep. Paul Brodeur (D-Melrose). "It is the result of months of negotiations and demonstrates that regardless of what happens in Washington, here in Massachusetts we focus on coop-

eration and compromise."

"I fundamentally disagree with the premise that we have to give up some workers' rights in order to gain new workers' rights," said Sen. Kathleen O'Connor-Ives (D-Newburyport). "This bill ends time and a half on Sundays in order to start paid family and medical leave and phase-in a \$15 minimum wage. This was a strategic decision in order to prevent these issues and the sales tax roll-back from going on the ballot. I would rather see the ballot question process play out and then respond as a Legislature and raise lost revenues by ending wasteful corporate tax credits if the sales tax was rolled-back to 5 percent."

"This deal represents a series of compromises made in the best interest of the commonwealth," said Rep. Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee). "By reaching a thoughtful balance, this package will protect Massachusetts workers while promoting a competitive environment for our local businesses."

"My 'no' vote is for a better minimum wage" said Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton). "My 'no' vote is for hardworking Massachusetts citizens, many of whom depend on the guarantee of a fair wage for working Saturdays and Sundays. My 'no' vote is for the rights of Massachusetts voters who brought this initiative forward so that the people would be able to decide the issue for themselves."

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

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

## ALLOW AMENDMENTS REDUCING THE MEALS TAX AND SALES TAX (H 4640)

House 116-34 and 115-35, upheld the ruling of Acting Speaker Paul Donato that amendments reducing the meals tax and sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent are beyond the scope of Grand Bargain Bill and will not be allowed on the House floor for debate and a vote.

Supporters of the ruling said the ruling is correct because both amendments introduce a new subject that is not already part of the bill and bypass the legislative process.

Opponents of the ruling said the bill deals with taxes and the amendments are appropriate because they also deal with taxes. They noted that on the sales tax reduction amendment, the bill specifically creates a sales tax holiday which clearly is directly related to an amendment to reduce the sales tax.

(A "Yes" vote is for the ruling of the chair. A "No" vote is against it. The first vote is on allowing debate on the meals tax reduction. The second vote is for allowing it on the sales tax reduction).

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

#### $LOWER\ WAGE\ FOR\ YOUNG\ TEENS\ (H\ 4640)$

House 35-116, rejected an amendment allowing employers to pay workers under 18 years the \$11 minimum wage instead of hiking it to \$15 over five years.

Amendment supporters said the hike would discourage

employers from hiring inexperienced teens under 18 to train. They said the amendment would give businesses more flexibility to hire those teens.

Amendment opponents said these teens should get equal pay for equal work.

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

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

#### **HEALTH CARE CHANGES (H 4617)**

House 117-32, approved a complicated 130-page bill imposing assessments of \$247.5 million on health insurers and \$90 million on the largest hospitals. The funds would be used for grants to community hospitals. The measure also hikes fees for doctors, nurses and other medical professionals who pay the state to obtain their state license. Other provisions create new requirements for transparency in health plan network and benefit design and costs; protect consumers from surprise bills; require disclosures related to out of network billing and facility fees; and establish standards for telemedicine, that allows doctors and patients to communicate remotely rather than at the doctor's office.

"Massachusetts continues to lead the way in healthcare and this bill takes significant steps at addressing some of the most pressing concerns in our health care system today — price variation, unnecessary cost growth, consumer engagement, and greater transparency," said Rep. Jeffrey Roy (D-Franklin). "It also harnesses technology and innovation to improve the delivery of care and is ultimately shaped around enhancing the experience for patients. At its heart, this bill, in conjunction with our prior legislative efforts, is transforming how we seek to pay for care to promote cost-effective, value-driven services in a way that makes the healthcare system more accessible and effective for all of us."

"I voted against the bill because it does little in the way of cost containment and does not include any MassHealth reforms offered by Gov. Baker to bring state Medicaid spending under control," said GOP House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading.) "Instead, it imposes hundreds of millions of dollars in new assessments on larger hospitals, specialty clinics, and insurers over the next three years, while increasing fees for thousands of licensed medical professionals across the state."

The Senate has approved a different version of the bill and a conference committee will try to work out a compromise version.

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

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

#### WAGE THEFT (S 2327)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill to prevent wage theft by employers who, according to the bill's supporters, steal \$700 million of wages annually in Massachusetts from about 350,000 workers.

Wage theft includes paying below the minimum wage, neglecting to pay overtime and paying workers in cash to avoid paying taxes. Key provisions of the proposal

## Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



make companies that contract with a subcontractor that withholds wages liable for those wages and empower the attorney general to issue a stop work order to employers committing wage theft and impose a penalty of up to \$25,000.

"This bill returns workers' hard-earned wages to them when they have been illegally underpaid or had their wages outright stolen by disreputable employers," said Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow). "If an employer knew or should have known that workers were being denied their wages, this bill will provide recourse to the employee and penalize the employer."

"Wage theft remains a major problem in Massachusetts, especially for the most vulnerable workers, like immigrants and low-income families," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester). "This legislation will help prevent and deter wage theft, ensure a level playing field for all employers, and protect the rights of working families." Although no one voted against the bill, some say said the bill unfairly punishes unknowing contractors for the illegal actions of their subcontractors. They said it is unfair and anti-business to require companies to police the payroll of their subcontractors. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

## ELIMINATE CALL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (S 2555)

Senate 23-15, approved a change to a bill that calls upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same constitutional rights as human beings and that corporations' campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated. The bill was filed in response to the

Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission. In that decision, the court ruled that the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting corporations, unions and individuals from donating unlimited funds to Super Political Action Committees (PACs) that do not donate directly to candidates or political parties. A two-thirds vote in favor of the amendment in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House would send the proposal to the 50 states and the amendment would become part of the Constitution if at least three-fourths (38) of the states ratify it. The bill also provides that if Congress does not propose this constitutional amendment within six months of the passage of this bill, then the Bay State calls for a limited Constitutional Convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing the amendment. Congress is required to call the convention If at least two-thirds (34) of the states ask for it. The state Senate's 23-15 vote would strike the provision. Supporters of the change said there is no basis in law or precedent to limit the topic of a convention. They argued that a convention could result in a free-forall in which many constitutional amendments are proposed. Opponents of the change said they believe the convention can be limited to just one amendment. They argued that the constitution must be amended, and that Massachusetts should take the bold step of joining the call for a convention if Congress itself will not propose an amendment.

(A "Yes" vote is for striking the convention provision and therefore against calling for a convention. A "No" vote is against striking it and therefore favors the convention.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of June 18-22, the House met for a total of 22 hours and eight minutes while the Senate met for a total of 17 hours and 34 minutes.

Tues. June 19

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 p.m.
Senate 11:17 a.m. to 4:14 p.m

Wed. June 20

House 10:59 a.m. to 7:53 p.m.
Senate 1:24 p.m. to 7:54 p.m

Thurs. June 21

House 11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

House 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.

Mon. June 18

Senate 11:02 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fri. June 22 No House session No Senate session

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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

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

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

## Somerville Rotary honors Past President Mark Alston-Follansbee





The members of the Somerville Rotary met this week at its regular weekly to present Past President Mark Alston-Follansbee with the "Service Above Self Certificate & Retirement" award on behalf of the club for his years and dedication to the club. Alston-Follansbee is a Past President and a dedicated member of the club now for 17 years. He is retiring as the Director of the Somerville Homeless Shelter.

—Donald Norton

## Somerville Rotary inducts Lisa Ramos

#### By Donald Norton

This past Tuesday, the Somerville Rotary Club inducted its newest member, Lisa Ramos, who recently became the new Manager of Century Bank in Somerville on the Fellsway. Pictured with Lisa is the club's President Kevin Su and Past President Paul Kaufman.



### **ESCS Talent Show**

The East Somerville Community School Talent Show took place on June 20.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



















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## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

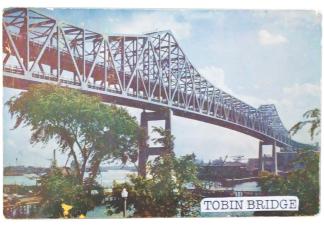


Eagle feathers #156

#### Camouflage

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

He was an eminent American sculptor, draftsman, painter and craftsman. Emilius R. Ciampa was a tenyear old Italian immigrant when he arrived at Boston's North End in 1906.



It was at St. Anthony's School that his artistic abilities were originally discovered and nourished. He next registered in the North Bennet Street School. Afterward he attended four art schools including the Copley Art Studio, Butera Art School and the Normal Art School known today as the Massachusetts College of Art. He studied with masters, making bronze statues and reliefs his forte.

Maurice Tobin was Mayor of Boston, Governor of Massachusetts during World War II, and United States Secretary of Labor. The Tobin Bridge that spans the Mystic River from Boston to Chel-



sea bears his name. Mr. Ciampa created the statue honoring Tobin on the Charles River Esplanade. Through the years his reputation in sculpture and art grew throughout Massachusetts and beyond. He lived to be one week shy of 100 years, while still practicing his art.

Some more of his sterling creations are:



- Boston's North End statue
   of Saint Anthony of Padua
- Medford's World War I memorial, "The Supreme Sacrifice" and the World War II memorial, "Angel of Peace" at the Oak Grove Cemetery.
- Somerville's memorial plaque of Amelia Earhart at the Mystic River Dam.
- + The Paul Revere Mall plaque in Boston's North End
- + The Boston University Bridge's memorial tablet
- The plaque on Arthur

Fiedler's Foot Bridge spanning Boston's Storrow Drive at the Esplanade

- The replication of Rodin's "The Thinker" for the television series, The Dobie Gillis Show.
- The Veterans Memorial in the Massachusetts State House.
- Somerville's original Trum Field
   World War II Memorial that listed
   local boys who lost their lives in
   battle. The last name on the memorial



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## Outstanding students awarded Somerville Math Fund Scholarships

Fund is pleased to announce the winners of their renewable mathematics scholarships for 2018. 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 we were able to award a record 8 scholarships, totaling \$32,000 over four years.

Mei Mei Collins will attend

The Somerville Mathematics Harvard College; Saja EL-Saudi and Mekhribon Otajonova, U Mass Boston; Desmond Feldman, Ithaca College; Lizbeth Figueroa, Boston College; Benjamin Novick, U Mass Amherst Commonwealth Honors College; Nicolas Ragusa and Samuel Saron, Tufts University.

> 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 which use mathematics.

> One of the scholarships was given in the memory of an out

standing woman mathematician, Dr. Alice T Schafer.

Mei Mei Collins won the Alice T Schafer Scholarship. Mei Mei is planning to study environmental engineering. 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 weren't 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, Mei Mei's interest in studying environmental engineering is a wonderful way to honor Dr. Alice Schafer's memory.



Erica Voolich congratulates (back) Samuel Saron, Desmond Feldman, Benjamin Novik, Nicolas Ragusa, (front) Saja El-Saudi, Lizbeth Figueroa, Mekhribon Otajonova, Mei Mei Collins on winning Somerville Math Fund renewable scholarships for outstanding work in math and science.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage achievement in mathematics in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. It May 2011, it was recognized as the outstanding Dollars for Scholars Chapter in New England. Since its founding in 2000, it has awarded \$324,000 in mathematics scholarships to outstanding Somerville students. Next fall, The Somerville Mathematics Fund will be seeking applications from teachers who teach in the city of Somerville who would like funding for

classroom mathematics activities. In October, the Math Fund will also be seeking high school students to compete in the annual Scrapheap Showdown. 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.somervillemathematicsfund.org.

Somerville Mathematics Fund



Erica Voolich congratulates Mei Mei Collins on winning the Dr. Alice T Schafer Scholarship from the Somerville Math Fund for outstanding work in math and science.

#### Remains of WWII Marine from Somerville returned home

According to a report by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the recently recovered remains of a U.S. Marine from Somerville killed in World War II came home for burial.

Earlier this month, the agency reported that the remains of Marine Pfc. John Mac Donald, 19, were accounted for on Aug. 15, 2016 and was returned for burial in Bourne, MA, on June 22.

Mac Donald's company, from the 2nd Marine Division, landed in the Gilbert Islands in November 1943. The agency reported that Mac Donald died on the first day of battle, November 20, 1943, along with approximately 1,000 sailors a Marines.

In its report, the agency stated that the Battle of the Tarawa Atoll was "a huge victory for the U.S. Military." Those who died during the battle were laid to rest in battlefield cemeteries on the island. Mac Donald's remains were not recovered in during the first attempts at casualty recovery and were designated as non-recoverable.

According to the agency, the non-governmental organization History Flight, Inc.

recovered Mac Donald's remains in 2015, as well as those of 34 other servicemen who fought during the Battle of the Tarawa Atoll.

The agency's release stated that to identify Mac Donald's remains, scientists from DPAA used laboratory analysis, including anthropological analysis and dental and chest radiograph comparison analysis, which matched Mac Donald's records, as well as circumstantial and material evidence.

The agency further reports that nearly 73,000 soldiers from World War II are still unaccounted for.

— Herman Schwartz-O'Brien

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## COMMENTARY

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## Investing in equity for greater returns for all



By Joseph A. Curtatone

It's that time of year again... budget season. Each year since I took office back in 2004, I've worked alongside City staff to put before the Board of Aldermen a budget proposal that's level-headed, clear-eyed, and grounded in our core principles and our community's shared values. However, that's not as easy as it may sound. We're a community full of passionate, engaged residents who care about many different issues and want to accomplish a wide variety of goals. We strive to be a city that provides the best possible education and extra-curricular opportunities for our youngest residents. We strive to be a city that's transit-friendly, on the cutting edge of sustainability initiatives and climate resiliency, dedicated to community wellness and nutritional food access, expanding urban forestry opportunities, providing top-notch and much more.

Limited funding sources and rising fixed costs make it more challenging than ever to tackle that mile-long list of things we want to get done. So how do we decide what to prioritize and in which initiatives to invest? We view all of our priorities through the equity lens and ask ourselves: How can we use sound fiscal management practices and make strategic investments to create an equitable economy, a healthy community of opportunity, and a just society? We do it by investing in our most vulnerable groups.

With approximately \$800,000 in new investments aimed at creating equity, my administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget prioritizes our vulnerable groups - and that starts with our students. Along with public safety, our focus on education and achieving positive life outcomes for our children is our greatest responsibility. And while we've made tremendous progress in many areas of education, this year's budget presents proposed strategic investments in currently unmet needs, program and service gaps, and underserved students. That includes expanding out-ofschool time coordination to cre-

customer service through 311, ate new opportunities and break down barriers for our students to access high-quality enrichment programs after school and during the summer, and expanding the SomerBaby initiative to connect even more young families to wrap-around health and other support services, with the ultimate goal of closing the kindergarten readiness gap.

> We know that due to regional housing pressures, many families in Somerville are experiencing housing instability. In this year's budget, we're proposing investments to assist those residents. With the support of the Board, we established the Office of Housing Stability earlier this year to preserve and expand affordable housing, help residents learn their housing rights, and help residents access housing resources with the goal of providing a real opportunity for Somerville residents to continue living here. To support our new Director of Housing Stability, we are proposing the addition of four new full-time staff for the division, along with initial operating funds.

Critical components of ensuring that Somerville remains a welcoming and diverse community are celebrating cultural interchange, spurring cultural economic development, and

supporting immigrant communities. The Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program operates with these pillars in mind. The program entered a new phase with grant support and the Board of Aldermen's support in the spring when we signed a lease for a space at the Bow Market for a new Nibble Kitchen. In this year's budget, we're proposing continued expansion of the Nibble program through the creation of a new Nibble Kitchen Manager position, converting the Culinary Arts Coordinator from a grant-funded to a City-funded position to provide more stability, and by investing \$35,000 in equipment for the new kitchen.

Another investment aimed at creating equity is in our public art. Somerville knows well the value of public art: it is free and accessible to all; it builds a sense of place, community identity, and social cohesion; it contributes to economic activity, health, and tourism; and it brings beauty to our city and residents. To enhance our investment in public art, we are proposing an increase of \$25,000 to launch a new public mural program and enhance the Illuminations Tour with some new light installations in our squares.

From out-of-school time to

housing and cultural economic development to public art, the investments aimed at creating equity in this year's proposed budget mirror our community's shared values. They, of course, provide just a highlight. We're working on other budget priorities too like ramping up recycling in schools, providing additional protective equipment for firefighters, adding staff positions to help during unprecedented construction projects, and more.

As equity advocate Angela Glover Blackwell said, without equity there can be neither progress nor prosperity. Thoughtful investments in some of our most vulnerable groups will cascade up and out into a greater investment in our entire community. By submitting a proposed budget that is committed to equity, based on shared community goals and values, guided by our dedication to fiscal responsibility, and strategically designed to meet both our current needs and our long-range obligations, we're paving the way for a bright future for all Somervillians.

To learn more about the FY19 Municipal Budget, visit www. somervillema.gov/FY19budget to review the budget and get updates on the availability of the City's interactive FY19 Budget Explorer.

## New Davis Sq. signal pattern underway

A new traffic and pedestrian signal timing pattern, which will increase safety and give pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers more time to get through the main intersection, has come to Davis Square beginning Wednesday, June 27. Preparation and necessary signal improvements were made on Saturday, June 23, and Wednesday, June 27. On both dates, some signal outages were planned in order to complete the work.

As always, for everyone's safety, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians are asked to be alert and to observe all signals when traveling through the square. Pedestrians should wait for the walk signal at each leg of the intersection, and drivers and cyclists should be aware of pedestrians in the crosswalks and yield to them.

To learn more about how signal timing can affect traffic flow and safety, visit www.somervillema.gov/signaltiming. If you have any questions, please call 311 or 617-666-3311.



## **Green Line Extension breaks ground**

The official kick-off of the construction phase of the Green Line Extension project took place at a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday at Union Square in Somerville.

The event coincided with the \$225M release of funding for the project by the federal government.

In attendance were U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao, FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams, Gov. Charlie Baker, U.S. Rep. Michael E. Capuano, U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark, and Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.



## COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### Illustrated by Jim Clark



## Our View Of The Times

Summer time in Somerville - enjoy it while it lasts.



What is more exciting to the young heart and 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

Out of the 15 members elected last year for the Neighborhood Council in Union Square, 13 of them ran on a slate of being members and/or supporters of Our Revolution. Some would say so what, others might say they were trying to stack the Advisory Board. We hear one of the newly elected members has moved out of the city, but they haven't replaced him and we hear they won't. Transparency is wonderful, but not for everyone. We also hear they might want to get a copy of Robert's Rules and most likely a copy of the Sunshine Laws here in Massachusetts. Just a suggestion. Funny, we know lots of people in Union Square, and they haven't a clue as to who these people are!

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Have you been watching these guys on the Board of Aldermen? Especially these new ones? We guess they ran for office not knowing what the job entails, especially with the budget process. Instead they ask some of the strangest questions of the various department heads. Some examples are one alderman asking the Chief of Police if the police report those people that bring cockroaches in their homes to the city? Does the Police Department have any armored vehicles?

And, of course, the best one so far, to the **Personnel Director** asking if they could have a job with the city. Wonder what he thinks the board of aldermen is? We realize that some might be in over their heads, but some questions might be better asked off camera where the residents cannot see and hear.

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The Somerville City Club is looking to increase its membership. For the time being membership is open to any resident here in the city It's a great organization that has been around a long time, with lots of activities that support local charitable groups here. Contact the club on Innerbelt Road across from Holiday Inn for more details.

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Have you thought you'd like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject like our Bob Doherty and Dorothy DiMarzio, or like when Jimmy Del Ponte wrote his stories about the city (hey, that's an idea maybe we can talk him into a little writing again). Or maybe you'd like to express your opinion

like **Bill Shelton**, as many others have over the years. Not just the politicians, but those from our community. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or email news@thesomervilletimes.com and tell us about your idea. We would love to tell it to the rest of Somerville.

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Congratulations to **Lisa Ramos**, the new manager at the **Century Bank** on Fellsway. She was inducted into **Somerville Rotary** as one of its newest members. Lisa is a fantastic person, a great asset to Century Bank, and we hope she enjoys Rotary and the many great things they do here in the Somerville community.

Best of luck to Mark Alston-Follansbee, who is retiring this week as director of the Somerville Homeless Collation. He has done a great job. We wish him the very best in all his future plans.

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Members of the Somerville Kiwanis Club are implementing a school supply drive program to help less fortunate children and families to be ready for the new school year starting in September and they need your help. Along with the Parent Information Center and Somerville local schools, their goal is

to distribute 200 backpacks filled with necessary school supplies to children in need, grades 7-12, by early August. Please consider donating supplies or making a monetary donation to help these kids in our community. To donate supplies or support the effort financially, please drop off your donations at one of the following local locations between July 1 and July 30: East Cambridge Savings Bank, 285 Highland Ave.; Winter Hill Bank, 342 Broadway; Winter Hill Bank, 5 Cutter Ave.; Naveo Credit Union, 493 Somerville Ave.; Century 21 Commonwealth, 205 Holland St. Or, make a check payable to: The Somerville Kiwanis Club SSD and mail to: Pauline D'Aurora, Treasurer Kiwanis Club of Somerville, P.O. Box 45303, Somerville MA 02145.

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The City of Somerville will be closing out the celebration of Pride Month with a free screening of Suited at the Somerville Theater on Thursday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. Join in for an evening of film and discussion about the important issues of sexual orientation, inclusion, and gender identity. Following the screening, a panel discussion will be moderated by Somerville Media Center.

## **ESCS Engineering Showcase**

5th grade students at East Somerville Community School were recently challenged to engineer solutions to problems the main character faced in the novel A Long Walk to Water.

The novel takes place in the African country of South Sudan. The main character, Nya, is a young girl with an important job. She must walk to the pond and carry a heavy bucket of water on her head home to her family.

Every day Nya spends 8 hours a day walking to and from the pond. What's worse is that the water is very dirty and makes her little sister sick. Her sister has to go to the hospital but is too weak to walk there.

The students became "investors" at the engineering showcase. Students presented their solutions to these problems in hopes that their teachers would be persuaded to invest their play money in their projects.

















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## **Family Fun Day**

Summertime in Somerville officially kicked off with the annual Family Fun Day event on Saturday at Trum Field.

Summertime in Somerville events run from June until September with a variety of free events open to people of all ages.

The 13th annual Family Fun Day at Trum Field featured free family-friendly programming including a community BBQ, pony rides, train rides, children's activities, face painting, music, and more.

















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Photos by Bobbie Toner



## **SPORTS**

## Somerville swimmer joins Swim Across America for the 22nd annual Boston Harbor Swim

Douglas Bosley of Somerville will swim in Boston Harbor alongside Olympic swimmers Janel Jorgensen McArdle, Doug Gjertsen, Alex Meyer, and Eric Wunderlich for the 22nd annual Swim Across America Boston Harbor Swim on July 13 to support pediatric cancer programs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC).

"Swim Across America's Boston Harbor Swim is such a wonderful day filled with incredible swimmers and volunteers. It is inspiring to see swimmers of all ages come together in the fight against cancer. Having the opportunity to do something you love and support a great cause is the best feeling," said Kitty Tetreault, event director, Swim Across America Boston.

The SAA Boston Harbor swim is a 22-mile relay-style

open-water swim beginning at 7:00 a.m. on July 13 from Rowes Wharf behind the Boston Harbor Hotel. A minimum fundraising pledge of \$2,000 is required for individuals to participate. Douglas will be swimming for Team Festivus.

Swim Across America (SAA) is a non-profit organization that runs events from Boston to San Francisco to support cancer research at the country's finest hospitals and institutions. At SAA, money raised locally stays local, ensuring that swimmers know their efforts will benefit their communities directly. Proceeds from the Boston-area swims benefit the David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Clinic at Dana-Farber, where experts help pediatric cancer survivors with an array of issues, including long-term effects of treatment, social



and psychological concerns, and the risk of second cancers. Proceeds also benefit the continued research of David Sweetser, MD, chief of medical genetics at MGHfC.

Sweetser is focused on identifying novel and non-toxic therapies for the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Funds additionally support programs such as art and music therapy and child life services that enhance the quality of life for the hospital's youngest cancer patients.

To register, support a swimmer

or learn more, please visit www. swimacrossamerica.org/boston. **About Swim Across America**Swim Across America, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to raising money for cancer research, prevention and treatment through swimming-related events. With the help of hundreds of volunteers nationwide and past and current Olympians, SAA is helping find a cure for cancer through athleticism, community outreach and di-

rect service.

#### About Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

From achieving the first remissions in cancer with chemotherapy in 1948, to developing the very latest new therapies, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is one of the world's leading centers of cancer research and treatment. It is the only center ranked in the top four of U.S. News and World Report's Best Hospitals for both adult and pediatric cancer care.

Dana-Farber sits at the center of a wide range of collaborative efforts to reduce the burden of cancer through scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy. Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center provides the latest in cancer care for adults; Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center for children. Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center unites the cancer research efforts of five Harvard academic medical centers and two graduate schools, while Dana-Farber Community Cancer Care provides high quality cancer treatment in communities outside Boston's Longwood Medical Area.

Dana-Farber is dedicated to a unique 50/50 balance between cancer research and care, and much of the Institute's work is dedicated to translating the results of its discovery into new treatments for patients locally, and around the world.

## About MassGeneral Hospital for Children

With more than 300 physicians, 50 medical specialties, and 15 surgical services, plus complete access to the resources of the world-renowned Massachusetts General Hospital, MassGeneral Hospital for Children is dedicated to providing high quality, personalized, developmentally appropriate care for infants, children and adolescents. For more information, please visit: www. massgeneral.org/children.

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# Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #634

- 1. What is Bart Simpsons middle name?
- 2. What kind of pasta is known as bow-tie pasta?
- 3. What body of water has the lowest elevation and is the lowest body of water on the surface of Earth?
- 4. What U.S. beach is known as the best place for finding seashells?
- 5. How can you tell the age of a sand dollar?
- 6. Where is the mouth of a sand dollar located?
- a sand dollar located?

7. What is the main

- ingredient of an Arnold Bennett omelet?
- 8. What was the Eiffel Tower constructed for in 1887–89?
- 9. What beach was the first public beach in the United States?
- 10. How fast does a honey bee fly?
- 11. What value does the roman numeral symbol C stand for?
- 12. In the game of chess, what player has the first-move advantage?

Answers on page 17

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Somerville students ages 11-14 who are interested in an exciting summer activity can participate in the Somerville Police Department Junior Police Academy.

Session 1 runs from July 9-13 and Session 2 runs from August 6-10.

Students will get time in the gym, build their teamwork skills, learn first aid and participate in an Emergency Vehicle Day.

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFQF# 18-79

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals from licensed master plumbers for:

#### **Plumbing & Gasfitting Inspections and Consulting Services**

RFQF packages may be obtained online at: http://www.somervillema. gov/departments/finance/purchasing or by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on or after:

Sealed responses will be received at the above office until: Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the bid process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst, with any questions at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov or by telephone at 617-625-6600 x3412.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director**

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

#### **EPS/Styrofoam Recycling Program**

The City's Purchasing Department on behalf of the Office of Sustainability and Environment intends to develop a suitable and feasible solution to meets the demands of an EPS/Styrofoam recycling program for the City of Somerville based on suggestions received from

A request for information (RFI) package may be obtained online at: http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. on or after: June 27, 2018. Responses should be emailed to tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov or will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, July 11th , 2018 at 11:00 AM.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst, with any questions at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov.

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

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, July 7, 2018 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Mark Food Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Oliveira's Steak House, 120 Washington St., Somerville, MA for an Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Patio Seating

> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

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

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 6:00 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mark Niedergang, Chair of the Committee, for public input related to the city's proposed Demolition Review Ordinance (#204278). You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to

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

JOHN J. LONG

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> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek **Administrative Assistant** 

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## Summer fire safety notice: Grilling, outdoor fires, and more

The Somerville Fire Department is reminding residents that the use of charcoal, wood or propane grills is not allowed on porches, balconies, fire escapes or roofs. Propane tanks are not allowed to be stored in or on any residential building at any time. Grills should be kept clean to prevent grease fires. Grilling should be done on ground level, ten feet away from any combustible walls or structures. Grills should not be used under any overhangs. Never leave a grill burning unattended. Outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and chimineas are prohibited in the City of Somerville.

Somerville is a densely populated city, with an older housing stock predominantly constructed of wood frame dwellings which are built closely together. With this density of the houses, it is imperative that all outside burning and fires are prohibited to prevent fires from starting and spreading to multiple houses. All fires used for cooking should be on a charcoal briquette grill or a propane gas grill.

If residents observe violations, they should not hesitate to contact the Somerville Fire Department by calling 617-623-1500.

#### More Grill Safety Tips

Keep an ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher close by in case of a fire. These types of extinguishers are best because they can be used on gas, oils, and flammable liquids.

Never throw water onto a grease fire. Use salt, baking soda, or sand to smother the fire if you do not have an extinguisher. Call 911 immediately.

Always make sure your grill has cooled completely before storing it.

Only dispose of coals and ashes in a metal bin, and only after they have cooled for 48 hours.

#### Violations and Fines

If firefighters respond to your home for one of the above-listed fires they will ask you to extinguish the fire and advise you that this type of fire is prohibited in the City of Somerville.

If repeat calls are made to the same unit for repeated offenses, you will be subjected to fines by the Somerville Fire Department.

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## The 2018 Farmers' Market coupons are coming soon

#### By Nathan Lamb

The Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Nutrition program is distributing free farmers' market coupons for eligible older adults the week of July 16. Available through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the \$25 coupons can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at area farmers' markets.

Coupons will be distributed at SCES from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. the week of July 16, while supplies last. Coupons are available on a first-

come, first served basis. There is a limit of one coupon per eligible person.

The coupons will be also distributed at congregate meal sites and senior buildings during the week. Guidelines to receive a

- Applicants must be 60 years or older, or disabled and living in elderly housing with a Congregate meal program.
- + Proper I.D. required.
- + Low income (at or below 185% poverty level, food stamps)
- + One per person (names are tracked)
- Applicants must be present

to sign for the coupon, or submit a completed proxy form along with person's identification information.

- Must be present to sign for them, or submit a completed proxy form along with person's identification information
- If coupons run out, you may request to be put on a waiting list if more become available.

For more information about receiving coupons, call SCES at 617-628-2601.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the inde-



pendence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on

Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

## **Prospect Hill Academy Class** of 2018 Commencement

On Saturday, June 2, Prospect Hill Academy Charter School (PHA) celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2018 during commencement ceremonies held at MIT's Kresge Auditorium in Cambridge. 100% of the students who graduated in June 2018 are enrolled in a four-year college.

Prospect Hill Academy (PHA) is a K-12 college preparatory charter school located in Somerville and Cambridge, serving nearly 1,200 students from diverse racial, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds. Learn more at www.phacs.org.



## **Somerville Rotary Installation Dinner**



The Rotary Club of Somerville inducted Officers and Board members for the 2018-2019 year at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant and Pub on June 7. Congratulations to Kevin Su, President; Cyrus Amin, VP & President-Elect; David Worzala, Treasurer; Gilda Nogueira, Secretary; and Board members John Keegan, Gene Ferraro, Paul Stanton, Nancy Kavanaugh, and Ann Kirby. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self," "Make A Difference," and "Be the Inspiration." The Somerville Rotary Club meets each Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at Holiday Inn in Somerville. For more information on the club's initiatives or to join the Somerville Rotary Club, please contact Gene Ferraro at eferraro@lesley.edu and Kevin Su at kevin. su@commonmoves.com.

## Treasure Hunting with Bob BY BOB ADAMS



#### Skull session

Allston, MA. There were cardboard boxes all over the place. A young woman looked into one that was partially opened and shrieked.

She quickly stepped away and I went over to take a peek. Inside the box was a human skull. The teeth were intact and perfect - no cavities. Much better than mine.

This skull was all diagrammed and hinged. It was for some medical study. I took the box to the cashier and asked "How much?" Ten dollars plus tax.

So, now, I own an extra human skull. I had it on my bookshelf for years. One day, I checked eBay and there were dozens of skulls and other human bones for sale. I was done with owning a skull and decided to sell it. The thing did \$700!

Okay, so, who buys skulls on eBay? I googled the guy's address who bought it and

the property photo showed a small four room non-descript house in some south-Years back, I was hunting at a junk shop in ern state. The only thing I could figure is the house was a few blocks from a major University and maybe it was for some science department.

> Also, I checked the guy's other purchases and he'd bought quite a few other skulls. Hmm. Whatever. I mailed it out and he got it to add to his collection. Unfortunately, the shop closed a few years later.

> Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com. Visit his website at www.Somerville.com.

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## Ms. Cam's From on page 14

1. JoJo

2. Farfalle

petal-like pattern

7. Smoked haddock

3. The Dead Sea

8. As the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair in Paris

4. Sanibel Island, Florida

9. Revere Beach, MA

5. By counting the rings in the sand dollars' exoskele-

10. 25km per hour

6. On the bottom of its

11. 100

body at the center of the

12. White

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday June 27

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

#### Thursday June 28

**Independence Day Fireworks** 6 p.m.|Trum Field

**West Branch Library** 

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Lego Club!

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5

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

**East Branch Library** 

Stuffed Animal Sleepover 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

#### Friday June 29

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Teen Empowerment Event: LGBTQ Pride Event

3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Monday July 2

**Central Library** 

Middle School Summer Writers' 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday July 3

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College

Wednesday July 4

**Library Closed** 

#### **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday June 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10

Ashley Davis, Patrick Doocey & Colin Farrell|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

**Thunder Road** 

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night **Grateful Dead Residency** 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 

Lost Dog Pushflowers, Dump Him 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.** 

Mike Powell 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Thursday June 28

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy **Thursdays** 

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Jakals, Small City Mayor 7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 

Timbo King Tragedy Khadafi, Krumb Snatcha, Heddshotts, Mic Terrio, Villeside

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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Alexandra James 9 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

The Loop 7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

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Hashtag Hoedown | 6 p.m. The Hi-End, Fireking, Natty D's \$10 cover |9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

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Backroom Series with Tom

Film Amerikarma w special guest Eric Salt & The Electric City|7

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**Thunder Road** 

Blacktab (ROCK) joined by The Buffers supporting "Light the Night – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society" and the National MS Society.

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** War Twins

Mollusk, Arms & Ears, The Rupert Selection

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.** 

Wise Old Moon 9 p.m|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday June 30

Sally O'Brien's

Tim Gearan Band | 6 p.m. Natalie Flanagan, Emily Grogan Band, Lily Black 9 p.m.

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The Burren

The Band That Time Forgot|7

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

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Karaoke 65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe's** Kong! Thunderfunk 10 p.m.|366A Somerville

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**Thunder Road** 

Comedian Mike Lemme with Special Guest TK Kelly (Tosh.0)|6

The Gravel Project (ROCK)|9 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 

Gene Dante And The Future Starlets Parlour Bells, The Gala, Smitt E. Smitty, DJ Tad

8:15 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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Skyfoot

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

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#### Sunday July 1

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.

Tim Gamache, LittleBoyBig-HeadOnBike, Toledo 7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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**Thunder Road** 

Sunday Brunch|10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma-2-Year Anniversary Shindig 7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.** 

Derek Curtis Band with special guests Possum|2 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Monday July 2

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

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The Burren Back Room:

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

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Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 

Helen 7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.** 

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

The Rockwell Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque & Variety Show

8 p.m.|255 Elm St Tuesday July 3

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The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz 8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** 

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 PJ Ryan's

625-8200

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** Heavy Metal Tuesday

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

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

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Closed for Fourth of July 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

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

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

#### Wednesday June 27

**Central Library** 

Somerville Entrepreneur Network: June Meetup 6 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland

Thursday June 28

**Central Library** 

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way

Fair Housing Commission Meet-1 p.m.-2 p.m. **SRA** Meeting 5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. **ADA Tabling** 

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave Somerville Theater SUITED: A Pride Month Film

Screening 55 Davis Square

**East Branch Library** Drop In Craft Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

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 30

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

**Union Night Market** 

5 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza

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

48 Holland St

Sunday July 1 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday July 2

**Central Library** 

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

**East Branch Library** 

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

Tuesday July 3

**Central Library** Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Chess Night

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday July 4

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### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

#### **CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES**

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

**Cross Street Center:** located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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#### **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Twin River Casino** – Monday, August 20 - \$25 – Check in time is 8:00 a.m. at Holland and 8:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Howie Conley & The Memory Laners – Tuesday, August 28 - \$10 per person due at time of reservation. A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the performance at 1:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

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

#### RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

#### WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (Please cut out and save)

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

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

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

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

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## Somerville Kiwanis Legion of Honor Awards

The Kiwanis Club of Somerville was proud to honor three special members at their Legion of Honor luncheon on Thursday, June 21. The Legion of Honor recognizes individuals who have been Kiwanis members for 25 years and every five years thereafter. These members have each dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours supporting Kiwanis programs and projects that benefit local children, seniors and other organizations that make our community a better place to live.

#### The members honored were as follows:

Past President and current Director Robert H. Costello - 45 years Bob is a partner at Costello Landrigan Law Offices in Davis Square. Member Robert Gorin - 30 years

Bob is the owner of Misujo Realty LLC in Davis Square
Distinguished Past President Sandra McGoldrick - 25 years
Sandra is the President and CEO of Winter Hill Savings Bank
Unfortunately, only PP Bob Costello was able to join in for this celebration.
Member Nancy Busnach accepted the award for DPP Sandra. Member Bob
Gorin will receive his award at a future meeting.



L-R: President Paul Upton presents the Legion of Honor citation to Past President Bob Costello.

#### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

was Marine Sergeant Henry Oliver Hansen who was the flag raiser for both flags on Japan's Iwo Jima.

After an early 1916 battle defeat in World War I, the French Army eliminated their dangerous, brightly colored uniforms and organized Europe's first Camouflage Corps. Two years later, one

century ago this year, the American Army followed suit with its own Camouflage group. At that time, American soldier Emilius Ciampa was assigned to this unit because of his artwork experience. What better person could you select to hide important images than an artist who was an expert at creating them?

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## **Upcoming SMC Happenings**



#### "SUITED" - A Free Pride Month Film Screening

Thursday, June 28th | 6:00pm (DOORS) | 6:30 p.m. (SCREENING) at The Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square

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

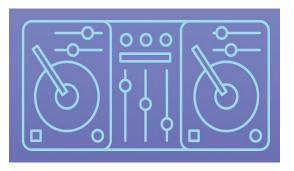
SUITED tells the story of Bindle & Keep, a Brooklyn-based tailoring company that specializes in clothing for people who are LGBTQ, gender-nonconforming, or nonbinary. Clothier duo Rae and Daniel take a holistic approach to their work, considering each client's personal narrative, which becomes inextricable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

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

#### That's So Retro! That's So 80's

Friday, July 6th from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Assembly Row (611 Assembly Row)

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Wednesd	ay, June 27	7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
		10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday, Ju		5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	
9:00am	DW Global 3000	•		6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board		Henry Parker Presents		
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	,	4:30pm	Legacies TeleGalaxie
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	
2:00pm	Science 360	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, July 1		7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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6:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
	Off the Shelf	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
7:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	Tuesday	July 3
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8:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board
9:00pm	Boston Come Through	4:00pm	Gay USA	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:30am	Esoteric Science
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday		6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
•	• •	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	11:00am	Graphic Content
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians						Somerville Overcoming Addiction
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	5:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	Saturday	, june 30	6:00pm	The Grandstanders	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	Teen Empowerment	4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am	Legacies	1:00am	Boston Come Through	7:00pm	Cinema Somerville	5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
11:00am	Teen Empowerment	3:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Community Lens
11:30am	Art & Ideas	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	10:00pm	The Boston Medium	6:30pm	Art & Ideas
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:00pm	Art Seen at SMC
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Road to Recovery	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Monday July 2		8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
4:00pm	Hello Neighbor!	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Somerville Line
4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	5:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	10:00pm	TUTV
5:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke	10:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	10:30pm	Public Access Boyz
6:00pm	Community Lens	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:00pm	<b>Box House Productions Presents</b>
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Wednesday, June 27 FY-19 - LIVE				8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout	9:00am	Central Hill Campus Plan Public Mtg
9:00am	Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony	Friday, Ju	ne <b>29</b>	9:00am	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2008	12:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole -
11:30am	Rally Point "Women in the Military"	12:00am	Carnaval 2008	10:30am	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall		FY-19 Budget - 6.25.18
12:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole -	12:30am	PorchFest 2008	11:00am	Senior Circuit - June 2008:	4:00pm	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony
	FY-19 - Public Hearing - 6.26.18	1:02am	Old Powder House Docent Tour		A Senior Town Hall Meeting	5:00pm	Central Hill Campus Plan Public Mtg
6:30pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole -	2:00am	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony	12:00pm	Old Powder House Docent Tour	8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE
'	FY-19 Budget - LIVE - 6.27.18	8:30am	Old Powder House Docent Tour	12:30pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 6.3.18	Monday, J	uly 2
Thursday,	lune 28	9:00am	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony	1:00pm	BOA Meeting: FY-19 Budget - 6.7.18	12:00am	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony
12:00am	Central Hill Campus Plan Public Mtg	11:30am	Carnaval 2008	3:30pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole -	1:00am	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
2:30am	SomerViva em Português	12:00pm	Central Hill Campus Plan Public Mtg		FY-19 Budget - 6.21.18	9:00am	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	2:30pm	Old Powder House Docent Tour	8:00pm	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout	10:00am	Old Powder House Docent Tour
9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Will Mbah	3:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	8:30pm	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2008	10:30am	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall
9:30am	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall	6:00pm	Carnaval 2008	10:00pm	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall	11:00am	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony
11:30am	PorchFest 2008	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Will Mbah	10:30pm	Senior Circuit - June 2008:	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting 6.28
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1:00pm	Carnaval 2008	12:00am	School Committee Meeting - 6.18.18	12:00am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 6.3.18	8:30pm	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall
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### **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

SHS Class Day 2008

New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony

Wednesday, June 27						
9:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club					
11:00am	SHS CTE Fair					
11:30am	Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert					
12:00pm	Argenziano School Moving On 2008					
1:00pm	El Sistema Somerville Showcase					
2:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert 4-8					
3:00pm	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation					
4:00pm	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony					
5:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club					
7:00pm	SHS CTE Fair					
7:30pm	Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert					
8:00pm	Argenziano School Moving On 2008					
9:00pm	El Sistema Somerville Showcase					
10:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert 4-8					
11:00pm	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation					
Thursday,	June 28					
12:00am	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony					
1:00am	SHS Class of '18 Graduation					
9:00am	Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert					
9:30am	SHS Class Day 2008					
12:00pm	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony					
1:00pm	Healey School Moving On Ceremony					
2:00pm	Argenziano School Moving On 2008					
3:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club					

SCALE Awards Night & Graduation

Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert

4:30pm

6:00pm

10:00pm Healey School Moving On Ceremony Argenziano School Moving On 2008 11:00pm Friday, June 29 12:00am Kennedy School Drama Club **Public Domain Theater** 1:30am 9:00am Healey School Moving On Ceremony 10:00am El Sistema Somerville Showcase 11:00am Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert 12:00pm SCALE Awards Night & Graduation SHS Class of '18 Graduation 1:00pm 3:00pm Boys' Middle School Basketball Finals 4:00pm Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals 5:00pm Healey School Moving On Ceremony 6:00pm El Sistema Somerville Showcase 7:00pm Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert

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9:00pm

SCALE Awards Night & Graduation 8:00pm 9:00pm SHS Class of '18 Graduation 11:00pm Boys' Middle School Basketball Finals Saturday, June 30 12:00am Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals 1:00am Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert 3:00am **Public Domain Theater** All City Middle School Spring Concert 9:00am 10:30am SHS Boys Lacrosse vs Lynn C. 12:00pm Spring String Fling 2008 1:00pm Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony 2:00pm 3:00pm **ESCS Spring Concert** 5:00pm Argenziano School Moving On 2008 6:00pm All City Middle School Spring Concert Kennedy School Drama Club 7:30pm 9:00pm Spring String Fling 2008 Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert 10:00pm 11:00pm New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony Sunday, July 1

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Wednesday, July 4

12:00am New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony 12:35am SCALE Awards Night & Graduation

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Skim that surface with a tiny net.

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streetwise, in the disguise

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before: how words mean things

we didn't know we knew.

— Wyn Cooper

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## OFF THE SHEL

by Doug Holder

## Here's to you Mr. Robinson:

## Jeff Robinson and his trio wed poetry to jazz

An article I wrote some years ago that appeared in the all-poetry edition of Spare Change News:

Jeff Robinson, founder of The Jeff Robinson Trio, holds court every Sunday Night at the Lizard Lounge in Cambridge, Ma. In the basement of the Cambridge Common restaurant, he performs a sort of wedding ceremony. This is a musical and lyrical ceremony in which poetry and jazz are paired and they make a perfect match. With Robinson on sax, Blake Newman on bass, and Jerome Deupree on drums, Robinson infuses the poetry of such local poets as Marc Goldfinger, Carla Schwartz, and Joyce Cuhna, with the Be and the Bop of Jazz. Robinson's expansive talents are not limited to one medium or simply the local scene. He has performed nationally with such poets as Amiri Baraka, and Quincy Troupe. He has written, acted in and produced his own play, Live Bird, which dealt with the mercurial and brilliant life of the jazz saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker. I talked with Mr. Robinson, amidst the wafting aroma of Turkish coffee, at the Cafe Algiers in the heart of Harvard Square.

DH: Jeff, could you tell me a little about your musical background and how you founded The Jeff Robinson Trio?

JR: I started playing music when I was in the sixth grade. My first musical experience was with a singing group. Three friends of mine (in my neighborhood in St. Louis) formed a group called the Starlight Three. We played Motown stuff: Marvin Gaye, the Jackson 5, etc. Our first performance was at a local talent show. I played the guitar. When I went to high school the jazz band didn't need a guitarist, so I played a flute. My mother encouraged me to do this. Eventually, I graduated to the saxophone and other instruments. I studied at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, after high school.

The Jeff Robinson Trio has been around seven years, and five years at the Lizard Lounge. The Lizard Lounge is our home. When we got there, it was a turning point. We finally had a home. They are very supportive, and very good for us. I would like to think it has been good for both of us. We have hit our stride there.

DH: What gave you the idea to wed poetry and jazz?

JR: I actually have been performing with words and poets for years, way before I formed the Trio. I'm actually an actor, for nearly twenty years now. The first part I ever got was in an Amiri Baraka play (in Boston), The Dutchman. After my first audition, the director asked me to come back with my saxophone. I came in, did another audition, and he wrote a part for me as a street musician. The play is set in a subway around 1960. There were references to Bessie Smith and Charlie Parker in it. I recited a poem in The Dutchman that had references to these figures. I played music in the background, during certain segments, while actors recited their lines. I added something to Baraka's words. This was the first time I have performed music with poetry. I ended up writing a play based on this poem I read. It was called Alley Cat. The drummer in that play was Dwight Hart. He was the original drummer of the Trio. It sort of bridged from there. So, I acted and performed in a lot of plays with music and poetry. It seemed like a natural progression. It wasn't a formal idea.

DH: Are music and poetry a good fit?

JR: Music and poetry have been around for a long time. We aren't doing anything that hasn't been done already. Song is poetry, poetry is song. You can write a whole series of books on it, but simply put songs are words that are repeated in a certain way. I try not to make it complex. People are not doing it exactly the way we are doing it. It's carrying on a certain tradition, as far as the spoken word genre is concerned.

DH: Can you talk about some of the local poets you have

JR: We've been at the Middle East for a while and the Plough and Stars. It's hard to talk about local poets, because we are bound to leave someone out. We've been at the Lizard Lounge for five years now. Every Sunday we average 20 poets on the open mic. So you do the math. That's a lot of poets. That gets into the thousands, several thousand. We've backed up poets time and time again. Locally, it would be unfair to list poets, because we have to cut too many. There are a couple of poets we are working with right now, like Iyeoka Okoawo. She's from Nigeria and lives in Roxbury. We are working on a CD with her. We are also working with Askia Toure and Reggie Gibson. I'd like to start a label, but that is probably more work than I can handle right now. I might bring the idea to the table with these poets.

DH: You wrote and acted in a play, Live Bird: An Intimate Portrait of Charlie Parker, that has been performed around the country. How did this idea bear fruit? Why did you choose Parker as opposed to Lester Young, or Coltrane to use a cou-

JR: I've played the part of Martin Luther King in a play entitled The Meeting. It concerned Malcolm X and MLK. I have been doing it for 14 years. I was impressed with the writing, and the reception of the play. Every Black History Month we go on tour. I was thinking I would like to have a vehicle like that. I wanted to write a play about musicians, about what I know. Charlie Parker popped up because he was an extreme-



Jeff Robinson, far left.

ly influential musician, as well as extremely dramatic. His life lent itself to me, a lot easier than some other people I was considering. Charlie Parker was larger than life, in the sense that his intellect really merits his music. He was very charismatic, well-read, and outgoing. He was a person who really needed a voice. I don't think he really got his due, in the sense that Miles Davis has gotten. Parker died very young (34) and was really just getting started.

DH: You recorded a CD with local poet and acting editor of Spare Change, Marc Goldfinger, entitled Getting Fixed. This concerned the poet's heroin addiction. Did the music compliment the poetry? Did the poetry compliment the music? Can the use of drugs enhance one's work?

JF: Everybody has to deal with that on a personal level. I have my vices, that I try I try not to get in the way of my work. I try to make sure my vices don't affect my performances, and I think I succeeded with that. As far as the CD is concerned, Marc can speak better on the heroin part of it. I think the music and the poetry compliment each other very well. The CD was a child of my Charlie Parker play. A lot of people wanted to see more heroin in the play. Some very prominent New York producers, were interested in the play, but wanted to see Bird on the "other side." They wanted the gore. That wasn't what I wanted to write. I wasn't going to rewrite it. Parker's widow, Doris Parker, loved the play and told me I had captured her husband. So I wasn't about to change the script for a producer who wanted more heroin and gore. Therefore, I looked for other avenues for that heroin theme, and the CD helped. My friends turned me on to Marc Goldfinger. We were playing at the Plough and Stars. In comes Marc, he recited a poem about heroin. After he finished we stopped playing. We talked to Marc and we started our relationship then.

DH: You have worked with such prominent Black poets as Quincy Troupe and Amiri Baraka. What appeals to you about these men's work? What was the result of your work

JR: With Bakara ... we performed with him in the South End (Boston) at Afrocentrics. They invited him to perform and we were the house band. We only performed a couple of things with him. This was sort of full circle for me. He was, sort of, the very first poet I performed with in the play The Dutchman. I was playing behind his words. So it was a great feeling, because he was and still is a great inspiration.

With Troupe ... I had read his book on Miles (Davis). Miles basically recited the book to Quincy. The book just grabbed me. (Miles: The Autobiography). That was my first introduction to Quincy Troupe, the writer. And Miles loved that book. I got introduced to Quincy through a friend. A friend had recommended him and myself to perform at the Langston Hughes Centennial last February in Joplin, Mo. This was the first time the Trio performed with Quincy. We brought him to Cambridge for the Cambridge Poetry Festival. He turned out to be a good friend.

DH: From reading your credits I see that you performed at a benefit for the Beat writer, William Burroughs.

JR: We did that event for the Boston Phoenix's "Best Of" issue. They had a poetry stage, and asked us to perform. It was a celebration of William Burroughs. We got up and did our

DH: Do you have a special affinity for the Beat Generation

IR: Yes, of course. Kerouac ... I dived into a lot of other people who he turned me on to. I am a third or fourth generation Kerouac fan - On The Road - that's how I got into it. I said, "This is good!" "Who is this guy?" I've been into poetry and music for ages. I read up on Kerouac. He improvised a lot. His writing is free-flowing, improvised at the moment.

DH: You just completed the third annual Cambridge Poetry Festival sponsored by the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. How did you start all this?

JR: The Trio had performed with performance artist/poet Patricia Smith. She encouraged us with regards to poetry/ music. Deena Anderson (who works at the Cambridge Center) asked me if the Trio would like to do more stuff at the Center. I said it would be really nice to have a poetry festival. Ironically, there isn't a big poetry festival in the Boston area ... with all the literary people here ... She felt it was a great idea, and we fleshed it out.





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