

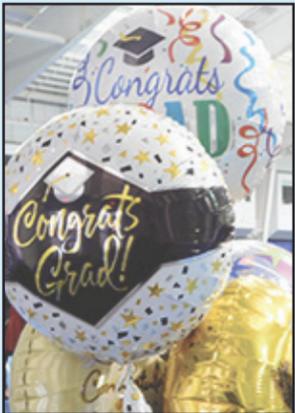


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**Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project reconstruction HRP approved**



After going through all the details with a fine tooth comb, the Somerville Board of Aldermen approved the controversial Home Rule Petition for the Clarendon Hill Project.

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen's Legislative Matters Committee of the Whole met last Thursday, May 31, to discuss and take action in regards to the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill housing project.

The first order of business concerned the Director of SPCD advising the Board on any conditions to be imposed on the developers of the Clarendon Hill housing project regarding property ownership and land use, relocation of tenants, local and state approvals, financing and construction, occupancy requirements, and project design.

Ward 7 Alderman and Board President Katjana Ballantyne explained that the project was viewed as one single development to protect the affordable units as a group. The letter with conditions of award for the \$10 *Continued on page 4*

**Nibble Kitchen fundraiser dishes out Brazilian brunch**

By Shira Laucharoen

Blending together a medley of flavors, the upcoming Nibble Kitchen served up a delectable variety of Brazilian street food for brunch at its fundraiser on June 2, held at Foundation Kitchen. With a distinctive meal designed by chef Robson Lemos, the event will help finance the opening of Nibble Kitchen in Union Square's Bow Market by the end of summer.

Lemos, a member of the Nibble Entrepreneurship Program (NEP), said that his passion for cooking originated in his awareness of the kitchen as a communal space that brings people together. He was drawn to the culinary arts as an expression of history and culture, inspired by all aspects of the creative experience.

"Every kind of food has its own identity, and I love that, that it connects with music, color, and flavor," said Lemos. "I love the food presentation; we drink pink lemonade because it is pink! Of course, we need to have *Continued on page 20*



Chef Robson Lemos and Somerville Arts Council cultural director Rachel Strutt greeted guests at the Nibble Kitchen fundraiser on June 2. — Photo by Shira Laucharoen

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So far, the fireworks haven't been cancelled. Let's hope whoever is in charge of the event here in the city that it takes place this year, and on time. But how many want to bet that the July 4 city fireworks – which are not even done on July 4 – will be canceled? What will be the excuse? Maybe it's too hot? You fill in the blanks! What is going on? Has it really become a "cupcake administration"?

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We hear that the Sunsetters, which was revived by the Curatone Administration years ago, is completely cancelled this year. That's too bad for those talented kids and neighbors that enjoyed the shows in the various neighborhoods. People are wondering what is going on and why this happened? Since all these events are being cancelled, for what some say is no reason at all, maybe some of the recent taxes and fees that the aldermen and mayor have passed will be cancelled. Or maybe not. So far this year, the January 1 flag ceremony was cancelled (well, until March, when it was warmer), then the Paul Revere ride (never rescheduled), then the Memorial Day Parade and now the Sunsetters. Is it budget cuts? Or maybe we've become less patriotic, as some are saying?

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Sal Ferro, of East Somerville, well known throughout the city and, of course, the husband of our own Claudia (our exclusive photographer), was recently in the hospital this past week, but now home resting and under the very careful care of Claudia. We wish him well. A nice guy and a great family.

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The State Democratic Convention was held last weekend in Worcester, and about 100 to 120 delegates from Somerville attended. Now, Somerville usually has been one of the prime Democratic voting cities over the years, and guess where the delegation was seated? Yesiree, right up in *Continued on page 11*

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

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

Steve Keenan says:

The police officer involved in this matter did a good job. He gave the arrested person a chance to explain the situation, calm down, and go back into his house without being arrested. But this man brought it on himself. He was arrested because of his conduct and threats to kill people. Kudos to this officer for his professional actions and concern for public safety. People don't realize how hard and dangerous police work is.

#snapped says:

Maybe he snapped after living for years in a construction zone. The city doesn't realize what an inconvenience that is to people, especially families and elderly. The people on Cedar Street and Cedar Ave. have lived with many many inconveniences for years now. The work seems to be progressing very slowly, sometimes hardly at all.

Neighbor says:

God knows no one can win here. if they didn't fix the street and the pipes people would be complaining, when they do fix stuff people complain.

Resident says:

I just think the city should give residents a heads up when construction is going to be done on their street, or at least the houses closest to, or in, the construction area, should be notified so that it doesn't come as a shocking inconvenience out of nowhere

Retired officer 96 says:

I am appalled at the conduct of this man saying those vile thing to those construction workers. I happen to know those men and they are very good workers and I also know the owner of that company and he is a very good owner, he hires nothing but the best. The officer involved while on assignment there, I Know him, he is a tremendous officer and a great asset of the S.P.D.. Being on these assignments is never easy, and running into this bigot/homophobic/assaulter just makes it more difficult. Also, once again it proves that officers on assignment at no cost to the city provide added safety and security to those law abiding citizens of Somerville.

Neighbor says:

Resident. I have received calls, emails and Facebook posts on the Lowell street work that is going on. If you have not heard about work going on in your neighborhood, you are not listening or have chosen to to be notified... This is besides the point, no one deserves to be accosted like the folks who were just doing their job.

### Response to: *City passes Home Rule Petition for real estate transfer fee*

Theo Nash says:

What we now need is a home rule petition that does not allow the implementation of any additional fees unless approved by the voters directly.

LindaS says:

Does anyone really believe that we have any final say in any fee implementation in this city? I don't remember in my entire life here of any time that a fee was not ultimately imposed because residents protested it. Let's be realistic here. If they want to add a fee, they will add it. Yes, they will listen to us, they will humor us and they will say they'll consider our opinions, and then they'll go ahead and implement the fee anyway. Why do you think they don't put any of these to a vote? Because they know they have a better chance of not getting a fee implemented if we have any say in the matter. Also the reason they never put their raises to a vote.

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# Controversial ZBA ruling under scrutiny

By Henry Lin-David

A Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting is being held to discuss the ongoing construction on 130 Walnut Street. Opponents say that the ZBA's decision regarding the property indicates favoritism for developers over the community.

During the fall, the owner of the property, Garrett Realty LLC, applied for a special building permit for construction plans. Following neighborhood backlash, Garrett Realty withdrew that application, but submitted a new set of plans in the winter in an attempt to eliminate the need for a special permit. The "by-right" proposal was approved by the ZBA in late February.

However, an appeal against the project was filed in the winter by Justin Rank, a resident of Walnut Street, along with a petition signed by thirty-eight neighbors. Rank says that the ZBA has displayed undue amount of leniency towards the developers and argues that the plans include several major renovations that qualify as "substantial demolition" under the Demolition Review Ordinance, and therefore warrant a review by the Historic Preservation Commission. In

particular, he points to the new roofline resulting from the construction.

Additionally, Rank contends that the building exceeds the three-story limit due to the height of the basement ceiling. In order for a basement not to be counted as a story, it must extend over the finished grade of the land by no more than five feet. The structure already includes three floors in addition to the basement, and an additional story would render the plans illegal.

Other concerns mentioned by Rank regarding the building's overall height have been addressed by the developers in revised plans. Meanwhile, the ZBA has also issued multiple reports asserting the legitimacy of the construction. Some passages have proven problematic for critics of the project. For example, the ZBA declares that "it is allowable for a project proponent to bring in fill, construct a small, raised garden bed or similar... in order to achieve the proper calculation of average finished grade," a technique that is not mentioned in the Somerville Zoning Ordinance. The consequence of this statement, Rank says, is that "builders could effectively go as high as they want"



A controversial construction project at 130 Walnut St. in Somerville has many residents crying foul as the perception grows that the Zoning Board of Appeals is showing favoritism towards developers involved in the project. — Photo by Henry Lin-David

by constructing garden beds along a structure's perimeter.

Several Aldermen have voiced their opposition to the project including Aldermen At-Large William A. White Jr. and Wilfred Mbah, who emphasizes that the ruling on planter beds would affect much more than just 130 Walnut Street: "Before you know it, all the other devel-

opers follow the same path."

The case has illustrated a disconnect between developers and local residents, in the eyes of some. But what sorts of steps need to be taken in order to prevent disputes like this in the future, and what role should the ZBA play? Justin Rank isn't sure. "I don't know what the perfect solution is," Rank says, "But

I think there needs to be more required meetings with the community." Mbah echoes his sentiment. "I want community development," he says. "[Developers] should really involve the neighborhood as much as possible."

The next scheduled ZBA meeting will be held at the VNA on Wednesday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m.

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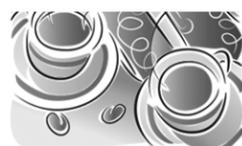
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## Somerville man violently attacks MBTA employee

On June 4, 2018 at approximately 5:20 a.m. Transit Police officers assigned to the North District received a radio call to respond to the MBTA's Alewife station for a report of an MBTA employee being assaulted. Upon arrival officers observed several people attempting to restrain a male on the platform, later identified as Charles Mills, 29, of Somerville. Officers intervened and after a brief struggle with Mills were able to place him in restraints.

Witnesses on scene informed the officers of the following: Mills, while seated on a bench, was screaming profanities regarding holding the train. Suddenly and without provocation Mills got up from the bench and violently attacked a female MBTA employee, who was walking past Mills, throwing her to the platform. Mills then proceeded to assault the victim/employee while straddling her. The victim was able to break free and get up from the platform, Mills then began to throw punches at the victim. At this time several employees came to her aid.

Mills was placed into custody and transported to TPD HQ for the arrest booking process.

The victim was transported to a local area hospital for evaluation.

— MBTA Transit Police



Charles Mills.

— Photo courtesy of MBTA Transit Police

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Even the best of hiding places sometimes fail

Somerville Police officers on routine patrol last Wednesday, May 30, observed a vehicle drive through a solid red light at the intersection of McGrath Hwy. and Broadway.

The officers initiated a motor vehicle stop using their cruiser's blue lights and sirens, stopping the vehicle on McGrath Hwy., at the side of the Somerville District Court House.

The officers approached the operator, notifying him of the red light violation and observed there was a female passenger in the front right seat.

The operator was identified as Ludger Veer, of Salem. One of the officers reportedly observed

a large amount of drug paraphernalia in plain view inside the vehicle.

The officers then ordered the occupants to step out of the vehicle in order to conduct a search. The female, later identified as Michele Alfieri, of Everett, complied while Veer refused.

Due to Veer's uncooperative behavior, the officers called for additional units, who quickly responded.

Veer was then asked several times to step out of the vehicle but he reportedly did not comply. An officer reached inside the passenger door and took the keys out of the ignition.

Veer was then asked again to step out of the vehicle and still refused to do so. The officers then used minimal force to remove Veer from the vehicle, placing him on the curb away from traffic.

While searching the center console of the vehicle, the officers reportedly found a small tin container, inside which there was a white rocky substance believed to be crack cocaine, based on the officers' combined training and experience. Veer was then placed under arrest and handcuffed.

According to police, Alfieri repeatedly gave false information to the officers regarding her true

identity. While searching the vehicle, the officers discovered her true identification, and after conducting a query of her name in the web database they learned that she had four active arrest warrants.

Alfieri was then placed in handcuffs, and while one of the officers performed a search of her person, objects were felt in her bra by her right breast. Alfieri was asked what this was and she reportedly stated it was crack cocaine and heroin.

The officers then removed a bag containing a brown powdery substance and a green plastic container containing a white rocky substance.

Both Veer and Alfieri were transported back to the station by prisoner transport where they were booked in the usual manner.

Veer was booked on charges of failure to stop or yield, possession of a class B drug, and miscellaneous statutory violation.

Alfieri was booked on charges of possession of a class B drug, miscellaneous statutory violation, and possession of a class A drug, and on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, juror failure to attend, assault and battery on a family or household member, and possession of a class A drug.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Michele Alfieri**, of 77 Fremont Ave., Everett, May 30, 11:20 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on charges of possession of a class B drug, miscellaneous statutory violation, and possession of a class A drug, and on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, juror

failure to attend, assault and battery on a family or household member, and possession of a class A drug.

**Ludger Veer**, of 55 Highland St., Salem, May 30, 11:20 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on charges of failure to stop or yield, possession of a class B drug, and miscellaneous statutory violation.

**Joseph Crasco**, of 32 Kent St., May 31, 1:10 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, possession of a class A drug, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

**Paul Hampe**, of 15 Everett St., Dorchester, May 31, 9:03 p.m., arrested at Somerville

Ave. on warrant charges of utter false prescription and larceny from a building.

**Ashley Connolly**, of 96 West Elm Ave., Quincy, June 1, 9:17 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on multiple warrant charges of drug obtained by fraud and utter false prescription.

**Florencio Banos**, of 47 Hanson St., June 1, 10:14

p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**Jose Rodriguez**, of 17 Winter St., Medford, June 2, 7:20 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

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## Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project reconstruction HRP approved

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million that the city is proposing to contribute to the project was intended to identify and make clear various pieces of the development so that they can be monitored for developer compliance by the city.

Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis' question about what would happen if the market-rate units were turned into condos led to a lengthy discussion about representation, voting rights and access to common areas and amenities.

Ward 2 Alderman J.T. Scott stated that he could not see a practical way to give voting rights to the residents of the affordable housing units.

The Committee was told that Redgate is not contemplating

converting any units to condos but having the option to do so is desirable should market conditions change. The presumption was that should a conversion to condos occur, more than likely there would be a single owner controlling a block of votes for the non-market rate units. All parties stated that they had not contemplated what would happen if units were converted to condos.

It was pointed out that public housing cannot be converted to condos, by law, and that alternate language should be more precise, however the Committee felt that it was not necessary.

The Committee was cautioned against putting restrictions on public housing units, as it was

not inconceivable in the future that the state may want to sell them. It was noted that unless the state decided to change something, the units would be protected in perpetuity.

Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti and Alderman Davis questioned the term "developer" in one section of the agreement that deals with the reconstruction of the roadway and rotary and Alderman Ballantyne explained that the intent was to make it clear that the city would not be responsible for the cost of any road work described in the plan. Alderman Davis proposed a language change to the section by replacing the word "developer" with the names of the development team parties. This was

approved unanimously.

Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. questioned why a time limit to secure the ruling from the State Department of Labor Standards (DLS) on whether the market-rate housing developer Redgate would need to pay prevailing wage wasn't included in one section.

It was suggested that language could be added to allow a period of "within 180 days of the signing of the agreement." The committee was told that Redgate would proceed "at risk" and draw up plans while awaiting the ruling from DLS on prevailing wage.

Alderman Ballantyne commented that the property belongs to the state and it was her

understanding that the SHA would not look for another developer if this plan falls through. The Committee was informed that the responsibility for obtaining the ruling falls upon the SHA. Alderman White proposed an amendment to the section that provides a time period of 180 days and places the responsibility upon the SHA, as discussed above, which was approved unanimously.

After even more detailed analysis and amending of the final document, the Home Rule Petition to authorize the Housing Authority to reconstruct the state funded Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project was voted on and approved as amended.

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## Somerville's Big Gay Dance Party

By Courtney Young

Rainbow banners billowing in the wind, glittered pennants shimmering in the sun, cosmic-colored ice cream glistening in the hands of children, and the vibrant, eccentric stylings of LGBTQ+ identifiers and allies all gather in Union Square on Saturday night in Somerville for the 2nd Annual Big Gay Dance Party. While some attendees have come from other cities, the music draws hundreds of locals toward Union Square, making Saturday night a huge success for Somerville and the LGBTQ+ community.

Families of all identified pronouns, sexualities, and sexual orientations come together to dance with one another; celebrating each other, life, and the freedom to be who we all truly are. Those who do not identify as LGBTQ+ are always encouraged to come and support their community at events like the Big Gay Dance Party, which also serves to educate the public on different ways of familiarizing themselves with the community.

Tabled around the dance floor were

organizations like BAGLY (Boston Alliance of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Youth), the BCCR (Boston Area Rape Crisis Center), the Somerville High School Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA), selling student-made pride T-shirts. More organizations included RESPOND, Inc., The Somerville Department of Health and Human Services/LGBTQ commission, and the Cambridge Health Alliance & Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers.

These efforts to be visible to the public while offering free and confidential services like counseling, health education, and SID testing all support the growing and diverse community in Somerville, as well as provide substantial support to those who are forming their individual identities.

For someone unfamiliar with the LGBTQ+ community, getting involved and becoming an ally can seem a bit daunting. We ask ourselves, "Are we saying the right things?" "Are we asking the right things?"— but the Big



Show-stoppers JP Delgado Galdamez and Sham Payne get the crowd jumping with DJ Dee Diggs. More photos at [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com). — Photo by Courtney Young

Gay Dance Party did a phenomenal job making this a welcoming, inviting and warm experience for all curious persons to know more about the LGBTQ+ community and what it means to be an ally, or even begin to explore your own identity. For example, "Ask Me My Pronouns" printed on a pin at BAGLY's table suggests that we should never assume one's sexual orientation, gender, or preferred pronoun, but instead, ask someone what they identify as.

Sarah Eustis, a history teacher and GSA club faculty advisor at Somerville High School, stands with her students in the LGBTQ+ community of Somerville High School. "Accessing outside events, like the Big Gay Dance party, is so important for Somerville students,"

she states. "This issue of accessibility is so pressing for queer students because not all of them feel safe or comfortable sharing their feelings and experiences with their families or those who they live with." Eustis holds a conviction to be out and proud about being queer, and to normalize discussions about questioning gender and sexuality norms.

JP Delgado Galdamez and Sham Payne, two performers who are both very active in the Drag community of Somerville and surrounding areas, set Union Square on fire with two solo performances and one joint act. Leaving the crowd in standing ovation, Galdamez explains what it means to a true queen within the drag community ever since her journey in El Salvador started at 18 years old. *Continued on page 20*

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### LGBTQ Pride flag raising



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville High School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) gathered together on Tuesday, June 5, at the the City Hall concourse to raise the Pride flag in honor of LGBTQ Pride Month and LGBTQ Youth Pride.

# 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 May 28-June 1.

## A NEIGHBORHOOD CAN BAN TOGETHER AND FORM A DISTRICT WITH TAXING POWER (H 4546)

House 149-2, approved and sent to the Senate a local option bill allowing a city or town to authorize the creation of community benefit districts which would permit owners of contiguous property in a city or town to form a district and impose taxes to pay for additional services, improvements, events and other projects and activities within the district. The districts would be operated by a nonprofit board.

"Community benefit districts are another tool that municipalities can use to help grow their local economies and build good neighborhoods where people can live, work and play," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). "This nationally proven model will create opportunities in downtowns, main streets and town centers across the commonwealth."

"The Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance believes that community benefit districts can be a game changer," said Andre Leroux, Executive Director MA Smart Growth Alliance. "Cities and towns in Massachusetts are struggling to maintain basic services for residents and businesses, much less provide the amenities that world-class, walkable places need to thrive. The bill establishes a way for communities to organize a public-private-nonprofit partnership to support their downtown, Main Street, cultural district, historic area or other important place. It's really about empowering local people to tackle their own challenges."

Rep. Denise Provost (D-Somerville), one of only two representatives to vote against the bill, said this new option allows certain property owners to create their own fiefdoms and the ability to assess other property owners for purposes determined by themselves. "These are the kind of activities for which local government exists," said Provost. "Why would we want to have a class of ... private, parallel quasi-governments to perform these functions? Is the democracy, transparency and accountability of local elected government a problem?"

"Homeowners, family-owned businesses and their employees could be negatively impacted by groups who manipulate or misuse the powers created under this bill that privatizes some of local government's management and expense of tax dollars, community development and community services functions," said Rep. Michelle DuBois (D-Brockton).

"Block by block they're coming for taxpayers," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. "Will the Legislature next propose also taxing us at the street level, then backyard by backyard? Today such speculation is not so far-fetched."

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

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

## HISTORY AND CIVICS IN SCHOOLS (H 4545)

House 151-0, approved a bill that makes changes in the current law that all public schools must provide instruction in American history and civics. Current law requires that the instruction include the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence

and the Bill of Rights; the state Constitution and local history and government; a program on the correct use and display of the U.S. flag; and the importance of participation in the electoral process

The bill adds several topics that are required to be in the instruction including a study of the roles and responsibilities of a citizen in a democracy; the development of skills to access, analyze and evaluate written and digital media as it relates to history and civics; community diversity and historical trends in voter registration; and civic participation relative to disenfranchised voter populations.

"Now more than ever, it is vital to commit to strengthening youth voice, participation and civic engagement," said Executive Director Arielle Jennings of Generation Citizen's Massachusetts. "We are delighted to see this commitment fulfilled by the unanimous passing of this bill and to see the commonwealth take such a pivotal step toward becoming the national leader in civic education."

"At a time when roughly three-quarters of the citizens do not know the three branches of government and more people know who the Three Stooges are, we need to recommit ourselves to civic education," said Steven Rothstein the executive director of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

The Senate has already approved a different version of the bill and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. The major difference in the two bills is that the Senate version makes it mandatory beginning in 2021 for all students to complete one student-led civics project after 8th grade in order to graduate.

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

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

## FIREFIGHTERS AND CANCER (H 2515)

House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill designed to help firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer as a result of their job and decide to get treatment with the intention of going back to work. Under current law, a firefighter would have to use his or her accrued sick time to cover the days of the treatment. The bill would change the law and the firefighter would not use the sick time during the treatment. He or she could then use it for follow up care.

"This Legislature is committed to supporting our first responders who put their lives on the line every day for the public," said Rep. Dan Cahill (D-Lynn), the sponsor of the proposal. "Speaker DeLeo secured bipartisan support to unanimously pass this bill in fulfillment of that commitment."

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

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

## LIFE SCIENCES (S 2531)

Senate 33-4, approved a bill that would authorize \$462 million in bonds for the Massachusetts Life Sciences Investment Fund with an emphasis on capital grants to increase diversity and opportunity in the Bay State life sciences and biotech industries. The bill is aimed at continued job growth through capital grants

that advance education, workforce development, early-stage company growth through spaces dedicated to life sciences companies, advanced bio-manufacturing and scientific innovation.

Provisions include \$47 million for an integrated biotechnology and precision manufacturing research and training facility at the University of Massachusetts Amherst; \$12 million for grants to community colleges or vocational-technical schools that collaborate with the industry; and an increase from \$25 million to \$30 million annually in the statutory cap on the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program.

"The biotech and life sciences industry has been a key component of Massachusetts' economic progress over the last ten years," said Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), who led the charge for the bill's passage. "The investments in this industry that we as a state made ten years ago have helped it flourish here in Massachusetts, and now we can't afford to lose our national edge. Imagine the lost potential if we allow the next vaccine breakthrough, the next big discovery, the next lifesaving drug, to be developed elsewhere. This bill maintains our leadership in this critical industry and offers us tremendous opportunity to expand economic growth across our state."

"We truly have a biotech and life sciences supercluster here in Massachusetts, and this bill will ensure we continue to grow and lead the way," said Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland), chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "People across the nation and the world depend upon the cutting-edge medical devices, pharmaceuticals and research under development here, and our investments today in innovation, education and workforce training are critical for our continued growth and success."

"We should not single out a thriving industry for special subsidies," said Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). "Economic development is better served by investing in transportation, affordable housing and education, which benefit all businesses as well as all residents. Tax credits and bond payments are legal commitments in every budget, and crowd out priorities like school aid, human services and adequate pay for preschool educators and home care workers."

"Legislators voted against the bio tech bond bill because it would expand a corporate tax break not necessary for the expansion of the life sciences industry, at a time when the state continues to under-invest in public education, transportation, healthcare, and human services," said Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton).

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

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| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | No |
|----------------------|----|

## REQUIRE REVIEW FIVE YEARS EARLIER (S 2531)

Senate 15-22, rejected an amendment that would reduce from ten years to five years, from 2028 to 2023, the time period in which a review of the tax breaks in the life sciences bill is required.

Amendment supporters said this would bring the review of the tax breaks in line with the 5-year review timeline recommended by the Tax Expenditure Commission and passed by the Senate in its version of the fiscal 2018 and 2019 budgets.



# Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

Amendment opponents offered no arguments. Several senators did not respond to Beacon Hill Roll Call's request for a comment on why they voted against the amendment.

(A "Yes" vote is for the reduction to five years. A "No" vote is against the reduction).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**SEXUAL ASSAULT BY FRAUD (H 2289)** – The House gave initial approval to a bill that makes it a crime for a doctor or other medical professional to commit sexual contact with a patient even when the doctor claims the contact is necessary for a legitimate medical purpose. Under current law, sexual contact by medical professionals represented to the patient as necessary for a legitimate medical purpose cannot be prosecuted, as the patient may be viewed as consenting to it, either explicitly or implicitly. Two courts have ruled that if a person consents to sexual intercourse, even under false pretenses, it is still consent. "The lack of a legal remedy in this area is particularly egregious given that a patient or client may be especially vulnerable," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Kate Hogan (D-Stow). "A person in need of treatment, and without medical knowledge, will of necessity rely on the representations made by a professional who is entrusted with caring for them and treating them. If passed, this legislation will enable authorities to prosecute a medical professional who sexually assaults their patient and tries to pass it off as being necessary for medical reasons."

## APPEAL PARKING TICKET FOR "ILLEGAL-

**LY" PARKING IN A HANDICAPPED SPACE (H 2425)** – The House gave initial approval to a bill that allows people who legally utilize a handicap placard or license plate to challenge, without a fee, a finding that he or she parked illegally in a handicap space. Current law requires the payment of a fee to have the matter heard by the city or town's parking clerk. Another provision allows an accused person to challenge the parking clerk's unfavorable decision by appealing directly to the mayor or Board of Selectmen before going to the courts. Under current law, an appeal of the case goes from the parking clerk to the court. "This legislation waives a financial penalty associated with appealing misidentified violators of handicap parking bylaws or ordinances," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley). "While it is essential to strictly enforce handicap parking laws, it is unfair to require legitimate holders of handicap licenses and placards to pay a fee simply to appeal a wrongly issued ticket."

**TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES (H 1819)** – The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring the towing and 12-hour impoundment of a vehicle when an operator is determined to be under the influence of drugs. The bill largely mirrors the current law which impounds vehicles of drunken drivers. Many people under the influence of drugs are given Narcan, an emergency treatment used for the complete or partial reversal of opioid overdose. "With the growing use and effectiveness of Narcan, we are seeing a corresponding increase in situations where individuals who are revived are getting back behind the wheel of their cars very quickly," said Rep. Michael Day (D-Stoneham). "This legislation will improve public safety by enabling our authorities to impound those cars and prohibiting individuals with severely compromised judgment from further endangering themselves or others."

**HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of May 28-June 1, the House met for a total of six hours and 35 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 35 minutes.

| Day           | House Session   | Senate Session                        |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Mon. May 28   |   | No House session<br>No Senate session |
| Tues. May 29  | House 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.<br>Senate 11:21 a.m. to 12:54 p.m. |                                       |
| Wed. May 30   | House 11:04 a.m. to 4:41 p.m.<br>No Senate session                |                                       |
| Thurs. May 31 | House 11:04 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.<br>Senate 11:08 a.m. to 5:10 p.m.  |                                       |
| Fri. June 1   | No House session<br>No Senate session                             |                                       |

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

| MLS#     | Address           | Description                        | DOM | List Price | Sale Price     |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| 72251238 | 24 Dane Ave       | 7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial | 146 | \$549,900  | \$610,000      |
| 72273990 | 62 Fairfax St     | 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial | 31  | \$569,900  | \$550,000      |
| 72235989 | 22 Wellington Ave | 8 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Other    | 110 | \$599,999  | \$550,000      |
| 72243908 | 5 webster St      | 8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial | 103 | \$729,000  | \$600,000      |
| 72286285 | 35 Corinthian Rd  | 7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Other    | 8   | \$999,000  | \$1,210,526.18 |

### Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

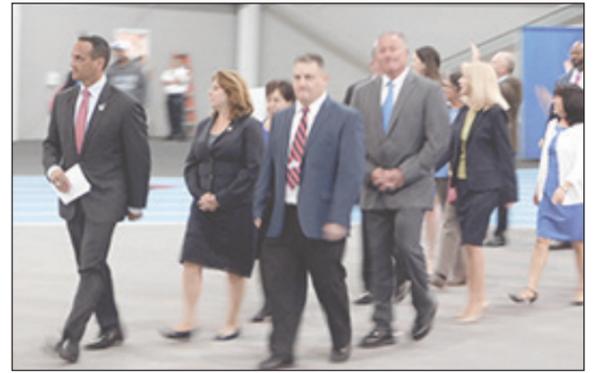
| MLS#     | Address                  | Description                          | DOM | List Price  | Sale Price  |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| 72147331 | 375 Canal Street U:711   | 4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise   | 33  | \$884,000   | \$949,000   |
| 72269977 | 48 Morrison Avenue U:48  | 7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family | 3   | \$999,000   | \$1,010,000 |
| 72256571 | 5-7 Pearson Road U:2     | 7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family | 58  | \$1,029,000 | \$1,010,000 |
| 72280553 | 60 Clyde St U:8          | 6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse  | 9   | \$1,050,000 | \$1,126,000 |
| 72124747 | 375 Canal Street U:1117  | 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise   | 41  | \$1,099,900 | \$1,099,900 |
| 72187444 | 30 Teele Ave U:2         | 7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family | 188 | \$1,149,900 | \$1,145,000 |
| 72147302 | 375 Canal Street U:PH117 | 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise   | 65  | \$1,225,600 | \$1,225,600 |
| 72116251 | 375 Canal Street U:1010  | 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise   | 54  | \$1,307,900 | \$1,352,900 |

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

| MLS#     | Address            | Description                                      | DOM | List Price  | Sale Price  |
|----------|--------------------|--|-----|-------------|-------------|
| 72257828 | 28-28A Sterling St | 2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family  | 23  | \$940,000   | \$1,000,000 |
| 72271803 | 127 Hillsdale      | 2 unit, 13 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family  | 5   | \$989,000   | \$1,001,000 |
| 72243912 | 7 Webster St       | 2 unit, 11 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family  | 103 | \$999,000   | \$900,000   |
| 72259228 | 91 Pearson Rd      | 2 unit, 11 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family  | 93  | \$1,185,000 | \$1,100,000 |
| 72289841 | 32 Ivaloo St       | 2 unit, 10 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family  | 9   | \$1,195,000 | \$1,280,000 |
| 72256737 | 94 Conwell Ave     | 3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family  | 46  | \$1,300,000 | \$1,150,000 |
| 72212809 | 17-19 Wheeler St   | 3 unit, 17 total room, 11 total bedroom 3 Family | 38  | \$1,495,000 | \$1,595,000 |

## SHS Graduation Class of 2018

Somerville High School Graduation took place June 4 at 6:00 p.m. Due to the inclement weather it was held indoors at Tufts, Gantcher Sports Center. The ceremony was highlighted by performances by SHS Highlander Band, Chorus and Orchestra. Headmaster Sebastian LaGambina led the ceremony, the class and guests. Class President Leonora Koney led the salute to the flag. The SHS chorus and Mitch Allan and Jessi Alexander sang *I'll Always Remember You*. Guest speakers included Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Superintendent Mary Skipper, and Ward 4 School Committee member Andre L. Green. — Photos by Bobbie Toner



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## Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Reliable Market

Located in the heart of Union Square, Reliable Market has been offering Japanese and Korean groceries for over 30 years. Sushi grade fish, fresh vegetables, in house made kimchi, various prepared and frozen foods, and endless condiments to make any dish imaginable.

I must say I was very impressed with the selection of craft beers, a whole wall is dedicated to just about any style of beer that rivals that of any liquor store in the area. The sake selection is just as impressive. If you're not sure which you would prefer, smaller bottles are available for sale.

There's also a kitchen in the back of the store where they have pop-ups and offer ramen and other dishes. You can order take out or you have the option to dine in. I opted for the BimBimBap, it came with noodles, rice, seaweed, various other vegetables with Korean chili sauce and topped with a fried egg. Hot, creamy and full of different textures and fresh crisp vegetables. Absolutely delicious!

The second dish was a Korean Ra-

men, a flavorful broth with noodles, chicken, carrots, mushrooms and a number of other vegetables. A perfect bowl if you're feeling under the weather or anytime!

Check them out on Facebook or Yelp, since they don't have a regular website. They post information about pop-ups, like when Brooklyn Ramen is in town or when they do sake tastings. Here's some additional information about the market, [http://www.a2zbizonline.com/reliable\\_market\\_en.html](http://www.a2zbizonline.com/reliable_market_en.html)

I almost forgot to mention, there is free parking in the lot right behind the building!

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## Speak Up! Somerville Telethon

Somerville Media Center is excited to invite you to the First Annual Speak Up! Somerville Telethon on Sunday June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. SMC celebrates local talent, diversity and community as part of our Speak Up! Somerville Telethon to raise funds for preserving community media!

This one-day event will feature community performers and leaders, our dedicated producers and volunteers as well as SMC members, staff and other supporters who will be on the air asking for donations to support the station. The 12-hour Telethon will be filled with a variety of activity and entertainment (more details to come). The Telethon also kicks-off SMC's yearlong fundraising initiative "The Speak Up Somerville! SMC Fund".

Our fundraiser will help support the following main areas:

- Youth Media Scholarships
- Increase the accessibility of our programming to people of all backgrounds
- Community Journalism Efforts

With a commitment to creativity, technology and social change, Somerville Media Center makes media production possible for everyone. We provide skills, equipment, inspiration and we amplify local voices on our various community media channels.

Viewers can watch the Speak Up! Somerville Telethon Live on Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) Cable Channel 3 (RCN and Comcast), VilleTV Channel 613 (RCN), livestream on our website [somerwillemedia.org](http://somerwillemedia.org) and listen at [bostonfreeradio.com](http://bostonfreeradio.com). Community members are also invited to come to our studio at 90 Union Square to watch events live and participate in the fun. We hope the telethon will reach a large audience of viewers who may not yet be aware of all that Somerville Media Center and community media has to offer. For more information, please contact Erica Jones, Membership & Outreach Director at 617-628-8826 or [ejones@somerwillemedia.org](mailto:ejones@somerwillemedia.org).

**LIVE WATCH PARTY** Aeronaut Brewing Company  
There will also be neighborhood Telethon Viewing party at Aeronaut Brewery between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### DONATION INFORMATION & WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT US

Donations received through The Speak Up! Somerville Fund will be used to support our year-round free and low-cost vital media education activities. For over 30 years, one of SMC's core missions is to teach Somerville residents and groups how to use media and production equipment to make their own radio and TV programs. Want to donate now? Please visit our website: <https://www.somerwillemedia.org/give/>

Check out the **PERFORMER LINEUP** online at [somerwillemedia.org/speakup](http://somerwillemedia.org/speakup).



## Somerville welcomes The Posies' high melodic content

By Blake Maddux

Having been in a band since he was "technically not allowed to enter the venues" that he performed in, Ken Stringfellow says that business and pleasure "have been intertwined for so long, I wouldn't really understand how to unravel them."

Stringfellow and Jon Auer were teenagers when they formed The Posies in Bellingham, Washington. Both were yet to turn 20 when their debut album, *Failure*, came out in 1988.

*Failure* was anything but that, and the band released *Dear 23*, *Frosting on the Beater*, and *Amazing Disgrace* on the Gefen Records imprint DSG between 1990 and 1996. In 1992, Ringo Starr covered the *Dear 23* track *Golden Blunders* on his album *Time Takes Time*. The following year, the Posies recorded the song *Going, Going, Gone* for the *Reality Bites* soundtrack, which sold more than two million copies.

In addition to being in The Posies until their initial break up in 1998, Stringfellow and Auer were members of the reunited



The Posies' 30th anniversary tour makes a stop at ONCE Ballroom on Friday, June 15. Pictured L to R: Mike Musburger, Ken Stringfellow, Jon Auer, and Dave Fox.

— Photo by Alan Lawrence

1970s cult band Big Star with original members Alex Chilton and Jody Stephens from 1993 until Chilton's death in 2010.

Since 2005, Stringfellow and Auer have released three more Posies albums: *Every Kind of Light*, *Blood/Candy*, and *Solid States*. Stringfellow has also toured and recorded with — among others — R.E.M., and has several solo albums to his credit, while Auer has released several EPs and one LP.

In commemoration of the band's 30th anniversary this year, deluxe reissues of the afore-

mentioned Posies albums from the nineties are scheduled for release between June and October. Each will be available as a double CD and LP in what Stringfellow calls "exhaustive versions."

The band is raising the money for licensing fees with the help of a PledgeMusic drive.

The Posies' 30th anniversary tour — which includes the *Frosting on the Beater* rhythm section of Dave Fox (bass) and Mike Musburger (drums) — stops at ONCE on Friday, June 15. Stringfellow spoke to *The Somerville* Continued on page 17



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Paddy Saul CD Release, The Blue Ribbons \$15 cover 9 p.m.

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## COMMENTARY

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## Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers.

### 223 inspections and 99 health license applications in 2017:

How do you know a pound is really a pound at the store and a gallon is really a gallon at the gas station? The Weights and Measures Division of the City's Inspectional Services Department is responsible for enforcing the accuracy requirements and other standards relating to weighing and measuring devices used in the sale of food, fuels, and other products. The work they do is instrumental in protecting consumers whether they take a taxi, fill up their gas tank, or purchase

items that need scanning at a grocery store. In 2017, Weights and Measures completed a total of 223 inspections of taxi meters, oil trucks, gas stations, and businesses with scales. In addition, they reviewed 99 health license applications for establishments with scales or measuring devices. The division is preparing to begin price verification inspections in September to meet state consumer and merchant protection standards, and there are more than 200 retail stores in Somerville that will require inspection. Each of those inspections requires verifying the listed price to the register/scanner price of 100 items in each store.

**\$1.7 million grant for Lead Paint Safe Somerville Program:** One of the priorities for this year's affordable housing agenda is the launch of the Lead Paint Safe Somerville Program. This program aims to expand the number of lead-free units ready for families seeking housing by providing no-interest, forgivable loans for lead paint

removal. The Housing Division of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development secured a federal grant of \$1.7 Million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the program. With these funds, our goal is to remove lead paint, which is a hazard especially to young children, from 90 Somerville housing units by 2021. Residents and property owners are invited to learn more at the Lead Paint Safe Somerville Information Session Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the East Somerville Public Library, 115 Broadway. Refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7 p.m.

**14 seconds average queue time for 311 calls:** The City's Constituent Services Department hears from you about day-to-day services and issues like trash pickup, permit requests, construction updates, and parking questions – and they take all of those snow-related requests each winter. Despite having one of

the smallest constituent service centers in the country, Somerville 311 answers 87 percent of constituent calls within their goal of 20 seconds. However, average queue times are even lower than that. Callers only wait an average of 14 seconds before speaking to a 311 representative and only 3 percent of calls are abandoned before speaking to a representative. Customer service can be a challenging job. The next time you call 311, if you appreciate the quick and professional service, please don't hesitate to thank this hard-working crew.

**Second most snow requests on record:** Now that we're in the midst of some warmer weather with summer on the horizon, it is finally safe to talk about some snow data without jinxing ourselves. There's no question that this winter was challenging, and the numbers show that as well. Winter 2018 resulted in 1,466 snow-related requests, which is the second most on record (only behind winter 2015) since 311

began tracking. January 2018 was the second busiest month on record with 1,029 snow-related requests. There were some other notable takeaways from this winter as well. The median number of days to complete a snow removal request was two days, which was consistent with the previous two years. DPW spent just under \$3 Million on snow removal this winter, about \$1.7 million over budget. The largest expense was plowing, at just over \$1 million or 36 percent of the total.

*Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at [www.somerville-ma.gov/datafarm](http://www.somerville-ma.gov/datafarm).*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

I work at 3L Place, a Teele Square based program for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Our Members have been learning about local government and the importance of civic engagement.

I am writing to thank Mayor Curtatone and his staff for rolling out the red carpet for our visit to City Hall last week. The Mayor met privately with 3L Place Members in his office for half an hour and arranged a tour of City Hall for us.

As a Special Educator for more than

20 years, I was deeply touched by Mayor Curtatone's warmth, engagement and hospitality with each of our Members. He is a very busy man, but while we were with him he was 100% focused on us. He taught us a great deal about Somerville's history and we learned first-

hand why the voters of Somerville keep reelecting him as Mayor!

Sincerely,

Michael Bowman  
Arlington

## Community Path repairs closure

The City of Somerville's Engineering Department announced last week that a portion of the Community Path, between Buena Vista Rd. and the Cambridge line, will undergo much-anticipated repairs to the drainage system and to a retaining wall to address recurring flooding issues and to improve safety along the path.

Bicycle and pedestrian traffic will be detoured for approximately three months, beginning the week of June 11, as crews excavate in this area. Detour routes can be found at [www.somervillema.gov/CommunityPathClosure](http://www.somervillema.gov/CommunityPathClosure) and temporary signage will be posted along this section of the path.

In total, the project is expected to last through early September, and the path will be repaved to a final condition in November, though an interim pavement layer will be installed at the completion of the project for the duration of the winter. The project will include replacement of catch basins as well as installation of new sections of drain pipe along this section of the Path.

Additionally, the retaining wall in this area will be upgraded during construction. Work hours for this project will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m., unless otherwise noted. While work is being conducted to the retaining wall on the south side of the path, contractors do not anticipate needing access to private properties, though all abutters will be notified prior to the start of work in November.

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



# COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Love them or hate them, the fundraiser road races do a lot of good for local worthy causes.

## Our View Of The Times



While not quite as popular among some city residents as others, the many 5K style foot races that take place throughout the years bear one remarkable similarities: they all contribute much needed funds to many worthwhile causes and charitable institutions in the area.

Last Sunday's Just One Run Fund-raiser in Memory of Anthony D. Gi-

urleo ran in support of the fine work of the The Ryan Harrington Foundation, whose stated mission is strengthening community through financial support of youth organizations, charitable efforts to help those in need (such as food and clothing drives), and material support for young men and women struggling with substance abuse disorder.

Other road races taking place annually raise funds for youth activities, abuse prevention organizations, and support for the homeless.

Of course, many of those participating in these events are also in it for the fun and the personal challenge of just being a part of it. Whatever the reason one joins in, there is also the satisfaction of know-

ing that their efforts are well rewarded by the fact that they are also making a difference in the community.

So before complaining that there is too much of this going on, consider the possibility that maybe it's just about right. Or maybe even not quite enough. Most of us take pride in our love of sports and athleticism, not to mention our community.

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the nose bleed section of the convention hall. Meanwhile, congratulations to Somerville's own native **Bob Masse**, who will be on the ballot this September as the Democratic Nominee for Governor. And, of course, a local Somerville person for statewide office is always a great thing.

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We hear that the affordable housing issue up at **Clarendon Hill** – a proposed joint venture between **Somerville Community Corp.**, the **Somerville Housing Authority** and a private developer – was recently passed by the **Board of Aldermen** 8 to 3. Funny, in watching the aldermen, there was **Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin**, who ran on “affordable Housing” here in the city, voting **NO** on the proposal. **Ward 2 Alderman JT Scott** and **Ward 4 Alderman Jessie Clingan** also voted against it, and all three ran on affordable housing. Imagine that. Maybe they didn't understand that the project was a 40B project? A proposed 216 units to be built on the current North and Alewife public housing site with half (108) going as affordable housing units. Or maybe they think the developer was making big money on the project? Just saying!

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a great lady who is well known around the city, **Muriel White (Berry)**. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Michael Albano**, who grew up in East Somerville. He has a real estate school and office here as well. Mike is a great guy and we hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday **Larry Fidalgo**, known here in Somerville as Larry the Floor Guy. Happy birthday to another great guy, who is very popular in Medford and has many friends here in Somerville, **Paul Camuso** is celebrating this week. Paul is a former city councilor in Medford, and retired – hopefully only temporarily from politics. Former Somerville guy **Frank LoBuono** is celebrating with his family this week in FLA, his new home. We hope Frank has a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Brendan Mansfield**, who lives in the Davis Square area. We hope Brendan has a great birthday. Happy birthday to a good guy over in Cambridge, **Keith MacKinnon**, the historian at the Masonic Building. To an old friend, **Linda Rocco**, over in Medford, we wish her a happy birthday. Finally, to one of Somerville's smartest Aldermen, **Bill White**, who loves Somerville and has served on the Board now for many

years with honor and integrity. We hope he has a great birthday. 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.

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Finally, after two years in and out of MGH, former Somerville lifelong resident and former alderman **Charlie Chisholm** finally got out to dinner for the first time in two years. Charlie is on the mend and we are happy for him. It's been a huge ordeal.

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**Patti Norton** is back home working on getting stronger so that she might take that triple by-pass. She is doing well. Also home is **Ross Blouin**. He says he feels great. He's started his dialysis this past week and is very optimistic.

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We're told that **Mayor Joe Curtatone** is presenting next year's budget to the **Board of Aldermen** Wednesday night. Make sure you watch it on cable so you'll hear who's getting what raise and who is getting a job that is being created for them. It's your money, but they get to spend it. So watch it and then make sure you are voting next year in city election. Curious to see how this Board of Alder-

men will react to the budget. Last year's budget was 216K million. We predict it's going to be substantially more this year (not hard to predict, since every year it's more). Make sure you watch the questions these aldermen pose during the process. We hope there are not too many raises for department heads, but rather a substantial raise for those **hard workers at DPW** and all the other **union members** throughout the city that haven't had a raise or **CONTRACT** in years.

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The vote to pass the proposed **TRANSFER FEE/TAX** was passed by all the alderman. **The mayor** signed it and it is on its way to the State House, were many homeowners hope it fails. Funny how those that want to spend other's money call it a fee and not what it really is – a tax. We heard that comment several times this past week.

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On **Sunday, June 10**, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., Somerville will celebrate the environmental, economic and educational benefits of repairing the objects we own instead of discarding and replacing them for the fourth time. Sponsored by the **Somerville Arts Council's Arts Union** and organized by the **Somerville Tool Library, the Fixer**

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# SomerStreets: Carnaval 2018

SomerStreets: Carnaval returned for the ninth year of shaking up East Somerville on Sunday, June 3.

Participants enjoyed the best of the East Broadway Business District and community including food, music, and activities from around the world. Programming extended along East Broadway from McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Ave. The festival kicked off with a Motion Parade at 2:00 p.m. beginning at the corner of Kensington Ave. and Broadway.

A variety of interactive activities including stilted and parkour were available. Esh Circus Arts flew through the air. Soccer and preschool games were provided by the Somerville Recreation Department. The Arts Council's MUSCRAT bus presented a series of shorts filmed in East Somerville, a talk show interview with Somerville Media Center, craft and gadget making with Parts and Crafts, and Lego activities with Federal Realty Investment Trust was all part of the fun.

Musical acts included Grupo Los Nitidos, A Nova Brazil, School of HONK, M'bolo, Nuz, and Opposite People. A concert from our very own string section from El Sistema and dance from Rancho Folclórico Corações Lusíadas rounded out the entertainment.

SomerStreets: Carnaval is organized by the City of Somerville, the Somerville Arts Council, and East Somerville Main Streets. For more info visit: <https://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets>.





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# SPORTS

## 3rd Annual Just One Run



The Ryan Harrington Foundation hosted the Just One Run Fundraiser in Memory of Anthony D. Giurleo on Sunday, June 3. Proceeds from the race will directly impact the lives of those affected by the disease of addiction. Activities included the 5k adult race and walk and a children's "Fun Run". The winning runner in the men's division was David Caggiano, of Peabody. The top women's finisher was Leeallen Meyer, of Medford. Race results at: [http://www.coolrunning.com/results/18/ma/Jun3\\_3rdAnn\\_set1.shtml](http://www.coolrunning.com/results/18/ma/Jun3_3rdAnn_set1.shtml) More photos online at [www.somervilletimes.com](http://www.somervilletimes.com). — Photos by Bobbie Toner

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# Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. Who shot at Andy Warhol in 1968?  | 7. What is a six letter word for a chaotic situation?                 |
| 2. How much was the minimum wage increased to on August 11, 1949?            | 8. What was the last James Bond movie to star Timothy Dalton as Bond? |
| 3. What film did Bob Dylan appear in as the character "Alias"?               | 9. What is golfer Jack Nicklaus's nickname?                           |
| 4. In what movie did David Bowie play the part of Pontius Pilot?             | 10. What are tears produced by insincere weeping called?              |
| 5. What holiday is celebrated in Britain on Dec. 26?                         | 11. What is said to be the most expensive highway project in America? |
| 6. What was the name of the preacher in the <i>Li'l Abner</i> cartoon strip? | 12. What are the different types of teeth in a human called?          |

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, June 20, 2018** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 3rd floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA**

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**12 Glen Street (ZBA 2018-68):** Applicant, North America Development LLC, and Owner, Dana Iacopucci, seek a special permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming three-family residential structure through a renovation and rear addition. The proposal also includes adding roof decks to the second floor of the building. A special permit for parking relief is also requested under §9.13. RB Zone. Ward 1.

**20 Adrian Street (ZBA 2018-53) re-advertise:** Applicants and Owners, Elliot M. Cohen and Marjory A. Bravard, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property in part by extending the non-conforming right side yard setback and increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9. RB zone. Ward 2.

**11 Robinson Street (ZBA 2018-17):** Applicant and Owner, Michael Browne, seeks Special Permits/Variance to legalize a rear deck under §4.4.1 and §5.5 of the SZO. RA zone. Ward 4.

**22 Berkeley Street (ZBA 2018-54):** Applicant and Owner, John Comerford, seeks a Special Permit to revise a condition of a previously-executed special permit granted in 2009. RA zone. Ward 3.

**10 Smith Avenue (ZBA 2018-62):** Applicant and Owner, RCG Smith Renewal LLC, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to construct an exterior egress stair per order of the Fire Department. Egress stair is proposed within the right side yard setback. RC zone. Ward 2.

**285-291 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-63):** Applicants/Owners, David Lewis and Julian Lewis, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a new dormer, extending an existing dormer, and constructing a second story deck. RC Zone. Ward 2.

**41 Myrtle Street (ZBA 2018-65):** Applicant/Owner, 41 Myrtle Street LLC, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing an addition greater than 25% of the existing gross floor area (GFA) to the left of the existing structure and converting the structure into a three-family dwelling. A special permit under §9.13 is also being sought for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 1.

**70 Inner Belt Road (ZBA 2018-74):** Applicant/Owner, CoreSite Real Estate 70 Innerbelt, LLC, seeks a special permit to revise the site plan and conditions of a previously approved permit (ZBA 2007-63-R3 (2/2016)) to modify the site design/layout by adding new mechanical equipment (fuel cells) to the site. IA Zone. Ward 1.

**93 Raymond Ave #2 (ZBA 2018-56):** Applicant, Harvey Remodeling, LLC, and Owners, Joon Pakh and Caroline Troy Pakh, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending the length of the roof backward and constructing a new dormer on either side of the ridge. RA Zone. Ward 7.

**165 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-32):** Applicant, CEDWAR, LLC, and Owner, Royal Environ Services Inc., seek a special permit under SZO §7.11 to establish four residential units, §4.4.1 to substantially alter a nonconforming structure by modifying the existing footprint and constructing four stories that will be greater than 25% of the existing gross floor area (GFA), and §9.13 for parking relief. BB Zone. Ward 5.

**75 Rush Street (ZBA 2018-66):** Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owners, Firojkan and Azmeena Pathan, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by increasing the GFA by more than 25%, extending the non-conforming rear yard setback along the length of the lot, among others. The number of units on the property will increase from one unit to three. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

**24 & 28 Mount Pleasant Street (ZBA 2017-11):** Applicant/Owner, Warren A. Chaille, Trustee of the Chaille Trust, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under Section 7.3 and Section 9.13 for parking relief of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to relocate, renovate, and construct an addition to the existing two-family dwelling to create a six-unit dwelling building. RB Zone. Ward 1.

**22 Newbury Street (ZBA 2018-67):** Applicant, North America Development LLC, and Owner, Edmund Gildea, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure, including, but not limited to the linear extension of the left side yard setback and increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 7.

**176-182 Broadway (ZBA 2018-79):** Applicant and Owner, Yihe Patsy's Corporation, proposes to construct a 26-unit, mixed-use structure with commercial space along the street front and residences above. The Applicant/Owner seeks Variances to reduce the lot area per dwelling unit ratio and for parking relief. CCD-55. Ward 1.

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**105 Broadway (PB2018-11):** Applicant, Philadelphia Sign Company, and Owner, JPNS Realty Trust, seek a special permit under SZO §12.4 for signage in a non-residential district to add a wall sign and window graphics to the Broadway elevation of an existing one-story building and a wall sign on the Illinois Avenue elevation. CCD-45 Zone. Ward 1.

**176-182 Broadway (PB 2017-22):** Applicant and Owner, Yihe Patsy's Corporation, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a 26-unit mixed-use building with commercial space along the street frontage and residences above. CCD-55 zone. Ward 1.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by 1) 109-111 Prospect Street, LLC to demolish the 1916 storage garage at 109-111 Prospect Street and 2) Umberto A. & Charity Rossetti to demolish a c. 1860 wood-frame at 15 Mossland Street.

The subject of the hearings will be a review of the initial determination by the HPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).

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Fair invites talented amateur and professional repair people to bring their skills and talents out to **Union Square**. Attendees can bring their broken objects to the Fair and use our tools, supplies and skilled volunteers to try and fix them. In our disposable culture we're constantly discouraged from repairing our house-

hold items and encouraged to discard them and buy new. The neighborhood repair shop has all but disappeared. For many items, the environmental cost of producing a replacement is far greater than anything that can be recovered by recycling. By pooling our skills and resources to repair our stuff, we save our

stuff from going filling up the landfills, we save money and we encourage self-sufficiency, community building and reliant communities. In addition to a general fixit area, Fixer Fair will have specific areas devoted to bike repair, textile repair, soldering and more. Volunteer fixers are welcome to stop by and share their

skills and experience. **The Somerville Tool Library** will be on hand to accept tool donations and sign up new members. **Parts and Crafts** will show kids how to take apart broken items and see what makes them work and **Girls Rock Camp** will teach everyone to solder. This event is free and open to the public.

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All Proposals shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145. There will be a Proposal review including possible interview with the finalists.

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**Witness, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: May 23, 2018

**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate

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**BOA special meeting to receive the FY19 budget**

Under Section 24 of the City Charter, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone has called for a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, to occur on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue.

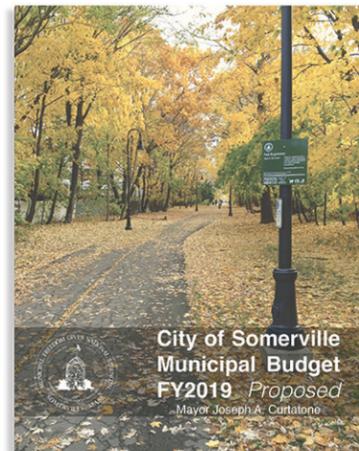
The agenda includes the Mayor's proposed FY19 municipal and enterprise fund budgets, with related appropriations, transfers, and other financial items.

To view the proposed FY19 budget go to [http://www.thesomerville-times.com/downloads/FY19\\_Budget.pdf](http://www.thesomerville-times.com/downloads/FY19_Budget.pdf)

For your information, this meeting will stream live on the internet, and will be stored online, in a searchable format, at the City of Somerville's Board of Aldermen's meeting portal, <http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>. The draft Minutes of this meeting – a compilation of all of the actions the Board took – will be posted at the same location as soon as they're ready, usually by the following Monday or Tuesday. The minutes of the BOA's other meetings since 2010 are saved here as well.

Finally, you can find prior year meeting minutes at using the Archived Meeting Minutes link on the Board's website, <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/board-aldermen/board-aldermen-archived-meeting-minutes>.

For the next 3 weeks budget meetings will be held Monday through Thursday evenings.



**Somerville welcomes The Posies' high melodic content** CONT. FROM PG 9

*Times* by phone while waiting for his flight to Europe out of Logan Airport.

**The Somerville Times:** Your indicated in your email that you were in Canton, MA. What brought you there?

**Ken Stringfellow:** I am producing an album for the artist Richie Parsons. He was in Unnatural Axe and was there in the first wave of real punk bands from Boston. We did a record already together a couple of years ago. He's got a rock 'n' roll spirit, for sure, that's the centerpiece for a lot of his music, but he allows me to take him in more directions, and it's fun for him to see what directions we can get out of his songs. We just tracked 12 songs with, for example, Malcolm Travis, who was the drummer in Sugar and played in Human Sexual Response as well.

**TST:** What do the forthcoming Posies reissues include?

**KS:** For each album, it's a double CD. The album program takes up a portion of one CD, and we've filled up that disc with bonus material, and then the entire second disc is bonus material. I would say about 85% of the bonus material has never been released in any form. We kept finding more and more stuff, alternate versions and a lot of full-on songs. We put out this four-disc box set [*At Least, At Last*] in 2000, and even that didn't cover everything that's out there.

**TST:** The Posies' album sales never won recognition from the RIAA, but did you at least get a platinum disc for contributing to the *Reality Bites* soundtrack?

**KS:** Oh yeah, yeah. That actually was very useful at that time, because that was not part of our deal with our label. They gave us a pass on that one – that came out on RCA. I made significant five-figure amounts

of royalties for years just from that album. From the one song.

**TST:** How did you and Jon become members of the reunited Big Star with Alex Chilton and Jody Stephens?

**KS:** The idea of Alex playing Big Star music had been bandied about and tried many times by many people, but Alex was never into it. And Jody was getting kind of comfortable with the fact that he could just, you know, pass the question on to Alex, get the "No," and then politely decline the offer. He had gotten used to that fact. Then one day Alex said, "Yeah, sure. Why not? I've got nothing better to do."

[Big Star guitarist] Chris Bell had long been dead and [Big Star bassist] Andy Hummel wasn't interested, so then they're like, Well, who could do it? All the known significant Big Star fans, like [Paul] Westerberg, Mike Mills from R.E.M., Matthew Sweet, they were talking to all these people about trying to do it and they all declined for various reasons. R.E.M. in 1993 had too much shit going on, and Westerberg and Matthew Sweet both were like, I'm not gonna be the guy that gets up on stage and fucks up my favorite band. And they asked Chris Stamey [of The dB's] to do it, and for some reason he didn't do it either. I've never really understood why.

Meanwhile, underneath all of this, there's Jon and I lobbying heavily – you know, just begging – to be included in this. And Jody, actually, from the get-go suggested, "You know, these guys in The Posies, they did this single and it sounds just like Big Star. I think they should do it." And we weren't popular enough. We hadn't released *Frosting on the Beater* yet. They wanted marquee-value names to help make this

a big news item.

In the end, as other people said no, I just kept on it. I found that guy from the radio station in Missouri who was one of the two hosts of the show. I basically tackled him at South by Southwest, and said like, "I will do this. You have no option but me. I will be doing this. I will make your life miserable until I am this guy." With Jody's already pushing for it and my persistence, they relented and we got the gig. ["That guy" was Jeff Breeze, a University of Missouri student who worked at the campus radio station, KCOU. He is now the host of *Pipeline!* on WMBR. "The show" was the University of Missouri's annual Spring-Fest, at which Big Star performed its first reunion show.]

**TST:** What was the first record that you ever given or bought with your own money?

**KS:** The first record I ever bought with my own money was ELO's album *Discovery*. 1979 or whatever. My mom had given me the *Saturday Night Fever* soundtrack. That was kind of my record. *Star Wars*, when it came out in 1977, my parents gave me that. They kind of gave me stuff, but the ELO one is significant because I chose it. And my mom wasn't happy. She was like, "Why are you spending your money on records?"

**TST:** Did the album have a permanent musical impact on you?

**KS:** It's a very melodic band, so yeah. It's hard for me to make music that doesn't have a high-melodic content. It's possible. I can force myself to do it, but my love of a great melody is just hard for me to suppress.

*The Posies with Scarlet Sails. Friday, June 15 (doors at 8, show at 9). ONCE Ballroom, 156 Highland Ave.*

Ms. Cam's *Olio* Answers

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| 1. Feminist writer Valerie Solanas            | 7. Mayhem  |
| 2. 75 cents per hour                          | 8. <i>Licence to Kill</i>                              |
| 3. Pat Garrett & Billy the Kid                | 9. The Golden Bear                                     |
| 4. <i>The Last Temptation of Christ</i>       | 10. Crocodile tears                                    |
| 5. Boxing Day                                 | 11. The "Big Dig" in Boston                            |
| 6. Marryin' Sam, specializing in \$2 weddings | 12. Incisors, canines, molars, premolars, wisdom teeth |

# VILLENS ON THE TOWN

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Wednesday|June 6

**East Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

### Thursday|June 7

**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
TELL (Teen Library Leaders)  
Meeting 2:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Lego Club!  
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

### Friday|June 8

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

**East Branch Library**  
Pop Up Playgroup!  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

### Monday|June 11

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

### Tuesday|June 12

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

### Wednesday|June 13

**East Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

## MUSIC|ARTS

### Wednesday|June 6

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
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 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**  
La Luz at ONCE Ballroom  
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Melissa Mills

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street  
**Arts at the Armory**  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

### Thursday|June 7

**Sally O'Brien's**  
BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Tassie Angels|7 p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Kendall Street Company (\$10 or \$15 for a 2 pack)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Love Love at ONCE Lounge  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Nathaniel Braddock  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
AniMATIC Boston  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Mass Whole Notes  
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

### Friday|June 8

**Sally O'Brien's**  
David Johnston Band |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents water  
|9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi  
Baerd Album Release Show |7 p.m.  
Fightin Fridays |10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
The Indobox (Jam)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave  
**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Todd Barry at ONCE Ballroom|9 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Air Congo|6:30 p.m.  
Ghost Town|10:30 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.  
BUMP|9 p.m.  
Dirty Disney|10:15 p.m.  
255 Elm St

### Saturday|June 9

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.  
Bryan Mac presents 3rd Annual Six Nine Show with Pinto LoCo,

All Right Already,Squires of Soul, Melvern Taylor, Roomates, Damon & Sullivan, more! \$10 |9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m.  
Esther Friedman CD Release w/ Special Guests, The Lied To's|7 p.m.  
Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Saturday Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.  
The Spots, PCR, Dudley Ponders, The Day Breakers|9 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Alex Fam, Louis Apollon, and Erica Leigh  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

### Sunday|June 10

**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.  
Drummer Joey Scrima Presents, Drumfest VI! |6 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Sunday Brunch|10 a.m.  
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma  
7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Skating Polly at ONCE Lounge  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
The Late Risers|2 p.m.  
SpeakUp Somerville Telethon Watch Party|3:30 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Luminarium Dance Company  
2018 Gala  
5:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

### Monday|June 11

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

**The Burren**  
Back Room:  
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
EBASS Community Mixer|5:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Toddlerbilly Takeover at ONCE Ballroom  
5 p.m.|156 Highland Ave  
**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Board Game Bonanza  
6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

### Tuesday|June 12

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.  
Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m.  
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  
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Thunder Road**  
Joon (Rock/Funk) – Joon In June playing special tribute sets of Dave Matthews Band & Fleetwood Mac  
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

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

### Wednesday|June 13

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
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 p.m.  
Keith Murphy: CD Release|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**  
The Moth: True Stories Told Live  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Mike and Mike Present: Open Mic  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

## CLASSES AND GROUPS

### Wednesday|June 6

**Central Library**  
Lead Paint Safe Somerville  
9 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
Somerville Republicans  
5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Thursday|June 7

**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

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

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

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

### Saturday|June 9

**Central Library**  
Lacan Reading Group  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Drag Kings and Queens and Friends Storytime  
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Union Square Farmers Market**  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza  
**Bagel Bards**  
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work  
9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

### Sunday|June 10

**Central Library**  
Zentangle with Lori  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

### Monday|June 11

**Central Library**  
Creative Drama Workshop  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

### Tuesday|June 12

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

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

### CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

**A Day of Remembrance** – Thursday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join Nancy Duffy, a Bereavement Coordinator, as we acknowledge those we have recently lost and recall some of our fondest memories. For additional information, questions or to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Belmont Stakes** – Friday, June 8 to Sunday, June 10 – 3 days and 2 nights - \$552 per person double or \$772 per person single includes transportation, lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, reserved seating for the Belmont Stakes, and guided tour of the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**A Chorus Line** – Thursday, June 14 - \$32 per person –

First come first serve – Space is limited. Check-in at Holland Street 1:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional info please contact Debby by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

**Dollar Days at the Movies** – Tuesday, June 19 – 12:00 p.m. Somerville Theatre Davis Square. This month's movie is Wonder. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - \$1 per person. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

**Lowell Spinners** – Wednesday, July 25 - \$31 includes transportation, seating and all you can eat BBQ. Game is at 7:05 p.m. Check-in at Holland at 3:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 10:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**The Music Man** – Thursday, August 9 - \$30 per person – First come first serve – Space is limited. Check-In Holland Street at 12:30 p.m. with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. For additional information please contact Debby by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

**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.

### 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 June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

### HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

**Gardening Club** – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan,

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

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

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

### CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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**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)

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# Nibble Kitchen fundraiser dishes out Brazilian brunch

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good, flavorful food, but we also need a beautiful tablecloth, special dishes. How we serve the food means a lot."

Guests were offered a selection of three dishes from a buffet of traditional Brazilian cuisine, while festive music played in the background. Bowls arrived with a bed of lettuce and a salad of black-eyed peas, accented with notes of vinegar and onion. Diners also enjoyed flaky empadas, or chicken pies, as

well as crusty pao de queijo, or rolls of cheese bread. The kitchen doled out beef croquettes, codfish croquettes mixed with potato, and succulent chicken croquettes, inflected with herbs. A mélange of vegetables, including green beans, carrots, broccoli, and zucchini perfectly complemented the meat options, while a choice of passion fruit, guava, or cashew juice provided a refreshing finish.

Nibble Kitchen will be the op-

erating restaurant of the Nibble program, which grew out of the Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion initiative, founded in 2005. The project promotes cultural exchange and supports immigrant communities through its cooking classes, pop up restaurants, market tours, and food festivals. In 2015, Nibble launched NEP, encouraging economic development while assisting immigrants in their pursuit of their business ventures and

culinary dreams. The program currently works with 12 entrepreneurs hailing from countries such as Venezuela, India, Mexico, and Panama.

The new kitchen, which will rotate gastronomy from different cultures, will contribute to Union Square's rich and ethnically encompassing restaurant scene, said Somerville Arts Council's cultural director Rachel Strutt.

"Union Square has always had

a tremendously diverse food landscape, and I think that's worth preserving," said Strutt. "It's exciting that people can go there and get authentic international food that they wouldn't find anywhere else, Ethiopian wats one day, Mexican mole another day, then one day Brazilian street food. ...Food is a portal to cultural expression; it allows people to share stories about where they're from and promotes cultural interchange."



Left: The fundraiser specialized in Brazilian street food, serving visitors empadas and croquettes. Middle: Guests had an option of choosing from various meat and vegetable dishes, while receiving a complementary juice drink. Right: A mixture of carrots, green beans, broccoli, and other vegetables was served as part of the buffet. — Photos by Shira Laubaroen

# Somerville's Big Gay Dance Party

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"My first queer community was a LGBTQ group at a non-catholic Christian church," she states. "Since then, I have learned that drag is truly about being the best version of yourself. People have the idea about queens being catty and shady, [which can sometimes be true], but when it comes to supporting each other, drag is truly a sisterhood." As an Outreach and Education Associate for The Network/La Red, a local non-profit that supports LGBTQ/T survivors of partner abuse, Galdamez appreciates that drag allows for community building with one another, as well as giving drag performers a platform to support members of our communities. As in any community, these outlets are

essential for building a network of support.

"What makes Somerville unique is the amount of support we have here in the LGBTQ+ community, and how much we are encouraged to come out and celebrate our individuality," says A. James, a queer who does not yet know what they feel most comfortable identifying as. "It's been a journey for me, but living in Somerville has made it one of love, strength, and even excitement."

Although not as socially entertaining as the Big Gay Dance Party, searching and inquiring about the organizations listed above can inform you on how to get involved and support your local community as either an ally or a LGBTQ+ identifier.



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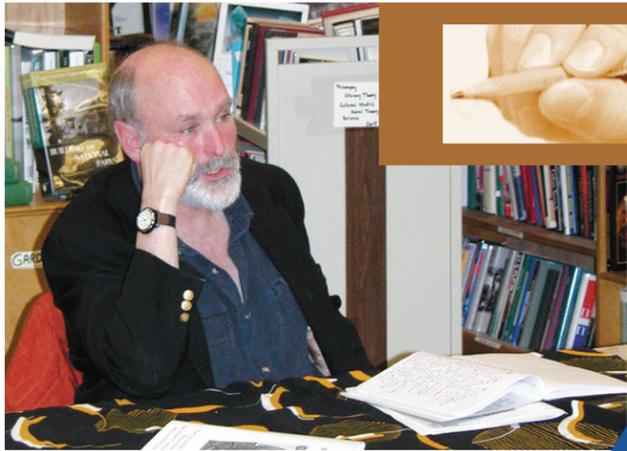
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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## 'Nevertheless, She Persisted'

Somerville writer Ari Samuel Alkalay Appel contributes this review to *Off the Shelf*:

*Nevertheless, She Persisted*  
By Susan Wood  
Illustrated by Sarah Green  
Abrams Books for Young Readers, New York

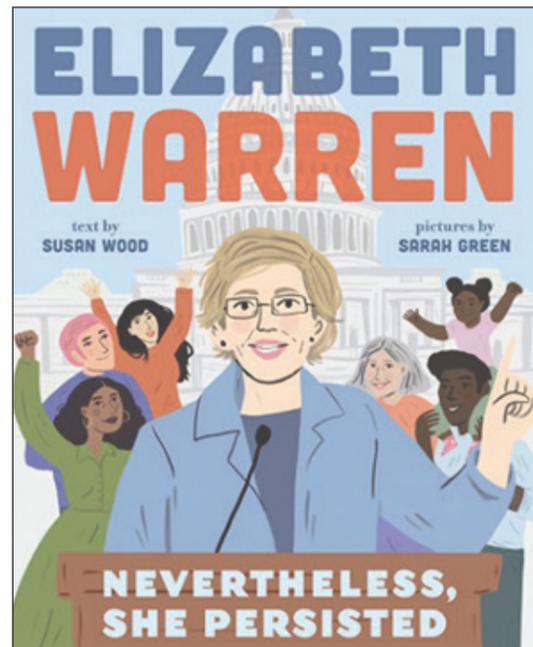
Often, what we choose to tell children is a better representation of the state which we are in than what we we say to adults. Susan Wood and Sarah Green have given us a gem that shines brightly, a statement about a woman who defines what this planet is missing.

With a title reminiscent of *The Little Engine That Could*, *Nevertheless, She Persisted* is a beautifully written and illustrated portrait of a fiery senator's humble upbringing, her life as a mother and wife, and her successful career. Wood and Green have created a tool for teaching young children that anything is possible and especially that being a woman should never prevent someone from fulfilling her dreams.

The journey of the first female senator from Massachusetts is filled with trials: financial instability throughout Warren's youth, dismissal from her university program due to her status as a young mother, unemployment after law school, and the perpetual quest for balance between family life and professional endeavors. Warren does not heroically trounce these challenges but rather navigates them with grace by adhering to the principle of persistence.

If every piece of children's literature has a moral, the moral of *Nevertheless, She Persisted* is to always be persistent. It is important to mind that the word "persistence" also connotes difficulty. What I like most about the book is that it does not guard young readers from the realities of middle-class life in America. In exploring the theme of persistence, it also probes the specter of erasure for being a woman or for being poor. The threat of losing one's identity is always present, yet the story gives young readers a simple guiding principle: always, always persist. Persist at what you believe in, fight with your words, and people will listen.

The story is human and immediate, though sometimes clumsy in returning to its central theme. For example, in telling of Warren's high school debate club, Wood states that Warren learned about "getting battered, but not beaten" as she made her way to the state championship. This language seems out of place for a high school debate club. Even



though a children's book should have a consistent moral, to assume that a child cannot understand specific language in a variety of situations underestimates his or her creativity and intelligence.

Despite this weakness, *Nevertheless, She Persisted* is full of strengths. One illustration shows a gated manor with a private pond near four shacks, juxtaposing the wealth of one family with the poverty of four others. This disparity is what Warren wants us to notice. The text discusses income inequality due to corporate greed and Warren's work against it as a law professor. Three blue birds fly through the foreground of the illustration, freer than the people below. Fortunately, Warren is someone with something to say about this.

*Nevertheless, She Persisted* paints Warren as a fighter singularly motivated by the benefit of all, inspired by her humble upbringings to create a better world. *Nevertheless, She Persisted* gives children a heroine and reinforces that with a little help from one's family, persistence is all every child needs.

Ari Samuel Alkalay Appel is a poet and essayist who lives and works in Roxbury. He enjoys cycling and woodworking during his free time. He grew up in Newton, Massachusetts, where he graduated from Newton North High School. He studied at Whitman College in Eastern Washington, where he obtained a degree in Rhetoric Studies. He also studied at the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina.



# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Heather Nelson is a poet, teacher, mother and recovering attorney based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She studied writing under the poet C.D. Wright as an undergraduate at Brown University. Most recently she studied poetry with Tom Daley and Barbara Helfgott Hyett. Heather is also a member of Poemworks, the workshop for publishing poets. Her work has been published in *Main Street Rag*, *The Somerville Times*, *Constellations*, *Ekphrastic* and *The Compassion Anthology*.



### Fifty on the Floodplain

That's not me you see  
on a hot July morning  
just shy of fifty  
on what should be a work day  
walking by the B.U. Bridge.

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everyone could understand.

Today my purpose  
is undecipherable  
but clearly I'm here  
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the lilies, that visible.

This is not my street  
anymore, only traffic  
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red, green, then all flat water.  
I'm scrambling for higher ground.

It's crowded up here.  
We're all naked except for  
our life vests, what's left?  
Only what we can carry  
toward the shifting horizon.

— Heather Nelson

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